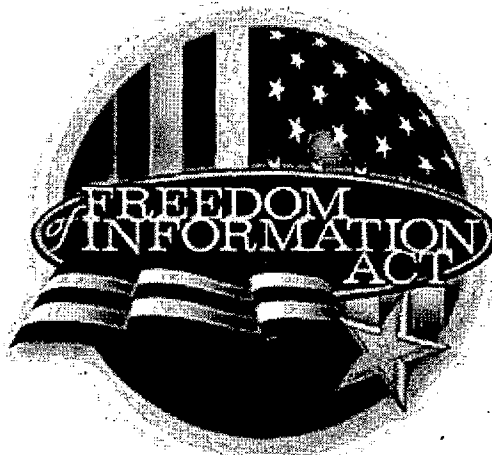


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**Date charged**

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Date 5/7/93

TO : SAC DETROIT (281A-NK-67821)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (281A-NK-67821) (C-4) (RUC)

SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

In as much as all logical investigation has been completed in this matter, this case is RUC'd.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P) (C-8) Date 5/14/93

From : SA [REDACTED] *67*

Subject: HOFFEX

Re "HOFFEX" conference held at FBI Newark on 2/24/93.

*b7c* SAC JAMES ESPOSITTO of the Newark Division arranged and directed referenced conference. SAC ESPOSITTO advised Detroit Newark would prepare a conference summary and forward it to Detroit for review and concurrence. Following positive acknowledgement, said communication would be directed to FBIHQ. To date, Detroit is awaiting Newark's communication. SSA [REDACTED] has set Tuesday, June 1, 1993, for a follow-up contact with Newark to inquire about the summary status. Additionally, Detroit received Newark airtel dated 5/7/93 prepared by SA [REDACTED] stating Newark RUC'd captioned case. SA [REDACTED] contacted SA [REDACTED] on 5/13/93 regarding the matter. SA [REDACTED] stated the case appeared on his file review sheet, however, he did not have any leads. Subsequently, SA [REDACTED] supervisor advised him to sent out referenced airtel which would remove the lead.

Detroit will await Newark's summary.

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To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P) (C-8) Date 5/14/93

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: HOFFEX

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Re FOI/PA requests on captioned matter.

On 5/1/93, the Detroit Free Press reported they lost their appeal to unseal the FBI's HOFFA file. Following this, the reporting Agent contacted SSA [REDACTED], Legal Counsel, HQ, extension [REDACTED]. SSA [REDACTED] reported the DICKERSON case (Free Press) in the 6th Circuit was ruled in favor of the government. However, Department of Justice will await final appeal before taking any action. Additionally, the government is awaiting the 8th Circuit decision initiated by HOFFA's daughter, BARBARA ANN CRANCER of St. Louis.

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From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: HOFFEX

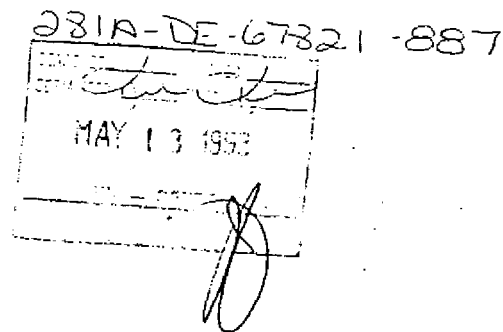
Re Chicago airtel to HQ dated 5/4/93 addressing 23 dictaphone belt recording transcripts.

On 5/14/93, [REDACTED] Assistant Section Chief, OC/DO Section #2, CID, HQ, advised the reporting agent:

1. Copies of the 23 dictaphone belt recording transcripts will be forwarded to Detroit for review.
2. HQ will maintain copies of same and will be reviewed by SSA [REDACTED] of HQ.

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On April 27, 1993, Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] conducted the following interview with [REDACTED], who is employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Squad #8. This interview was in reference to her knowledge of JOSEPH K. FRANCE.

[REDACTED] was previously shown a video tape of a television series named "Current Affairs," which aired on NBC on July 24, 1992, and featured a white male, not identified, who claimed to have knowledge of the disappearance of JIMMY HOFFA. [REDACTED] identified the male as JOSEPH K. FRANCE, [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] was also shown a copy of a Louisiana Driver's License of a JOSEPH K. FRANCE, white male, date of birth - December 21, 1922. [REDACTED] identified FRANCE as identical to the FRANCE featured on the above mentioned "Current Affairs" television show.

[REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] by FRANCE during the period of approximately 1972 until 1975, [REDACTED] a type setting house owned by FRANCE named COMP-O STAT, INCORPORATED, then located at 3926 Palmyra Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. According to [REDACTED], FRANCE managed to obtain large investments from well-known individuals to finance this company which eventually went bankrupt. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that FRANCE was a pleasant individual. [REDACTED] (last name unknown (LNU)) advised [REDACTED] at one time that FRANCE offered [REDACTED] (LNU), who was approximately eighteen (18) years of age at the time, money to take nude photographs of him. [REDACTED] also stated that she believes FRANCE was eventually arrested on obscenity charges.

Investigation on 4/27/93 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # 281A-DE-67821-288  
by SA [REDACTED] GMN:kpp Date dictated 4/27/93

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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b7c [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that a [REDACTED] believes that FRANCE is currently dodging the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and is now residing in Canada.

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Date 5/3/93

TO *RS*: SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P) (C-8)  
 (FORMERLY 183-1155)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)

SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

Reference Detroit airtel to New Orleans, dated 1/8/93; and telephone call between SA [REDACTED] Detroit, and ASSA [REDACTED], New Orleans, on 2/22/93.

Enclosed for Detroit are the following items:

1.) FD-340 containing copy of the Louisiana Driver's License for JOSEPH K. FRANCE, white male, date of birth - 12/21/22.

2.) FD-340 containing interview notes of [REDACTED]

3.) Original and two (2) copies of an FD-302 dated 4/27/93, reflecting interview of [REDACTED], Squad #8 Rotor, New Orleans, La.

For information of Detroit, [REDACTED] viewed the "Current Affairs" video tape aired on 7/22/92, featuring a white male, not identified, who claimed to have knowledge of the disappearance of JIMMY HOFFA. [REDACTED] also viewed the driver's license photograph of FRANCE, enclosed herewith, and identified the individual featured on the video tape, and the

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individual pictured on the above-mentioned Louisiana Driver's License, as one and the same, JOSEPH K. FRANCE. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] a type setting house owned by FRANCE named COMP-O STAT, INC.

A check with the LOUISIANA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (LP&L) was conducted for the address listed on FRANCE's driver's license, 4936 Zenith, Number 313, Metairie, La., which indicated utility service was discontinued for FRANCE on 12/30/87, with FRANCE owing LP&L \$49.69. A utility check was also conducted using FRANCE's Social Security Account Number [REDACTED] with negative results in the New Orleans area.

b2 The U.S. Postal Inspector's office was also contacted in reference to any information on JOSEPH K. FRANCE, on 3/4/93, also with negative results.

It should be noted that FRANCE's driver's license expired on 12/21/92. A most recent check with the LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF VEHICLES on 4/27/93, indicates that FRANCE has not renewed his Louisiana Driver's License to date.

As all leads are exhausted in the New Orleans Division, this matter will be considered RUD'd.

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Date 5/4/93

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: [REDACTED] ASSISTANT SECTION  
 b7c CHIEF, OC/DO-SECTION #2, CID)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (156-0) (SQUAD 6A)  
 ✓GRR

SUBJECT : JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, Jr.;  
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Reference Chicago telcal of SSA [REDACTED]  
 to Assistant Section Chief [REDACTED] 4/30/93.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 23 transcripts from 23 dictaphone belts alleged to have been retrieved from the summer residence of JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, Jr., during approximately 1976.

b7c On 4/28/93, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Lake Orion, Michigan, 48360, telephone number [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], furnished transcripts from 23 dictaphone belts recorded in 1962 and 1965 and retrieved from the summer residence of JIMMY HOFFA Circa 1976. [REDACTED] advised that, in 1976, he resided in Lake Orion, Michigan. [REDACTED] had a friend by the name of [REDACTED], who, with his family, [REDACTED]. Sometime after the disappearance of JIMMY HOFFA, HOFFA's wife asked [REDACTED] help them in cleaning up the residence prior to sale. [REDACTED] was cleaning out a room used as an office and accidentally discovered that 23 dictaphone belts were taped to

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the bottom side of drawers in a desk. Although [REDACTED] years old at the time, [REDACTED] kept these dictaphone belts and did nothing further with them until he mentioned their existence to [REDACTED] during 1992. [REDACTED], in turn, told [REDACTED], who relayed this information to [REDACTED] UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, 715 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois 60612, telephone [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a recent retiree of [REDACTED] and had a professional relationship with [REDACTED] thereafter turned over the dictaphone belts to [REDACTED] during the fall of 1992 and [REDACTED] transcribed them. Thereafter, [REDACTED] notified the Chicago FBI Office of their existence and arranged for [REDACTED] to deliver the enclosed transcripts to the Chicago Office.

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[REDACTED] advised that he has the 23 dictaphone belts in his possession and, if necessary, will turn them over to the FBI. He stated that he did not think that the dictaphone belts were of particular value due to their age and their content; however, he stated that, if this information was of some value to an author or historian interested in HOFFA, he would want to realize some value in behalf of [REDACTED]. Therefore, he requested that the FBI advise him regarding our analysis of these transcripts and if there would be any prohibition in his offering them for sale. He was advised that the FBI would respond to him regarding their disposition and, thus, FBIHQ is requested to correspond with [REDACTED] at an appropriate date.

Due to the volume of the enclosed material, its datedness and its apparent irrelevancy to any pending criminal investigation, Chicago is not reviewing it for content.

[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED], date of birth: [REDACTED] and SSAN: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], age [REDACTED], currently resides in [REDACTED] Lake Orion, Michigan, telephone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], age [REDACTED], Lake Orion, Michigan, has telephone number [REDACTED]

Chicago indices negative regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Chicago FBI Office has known [REDACTED] for several years due to his association with criminal justice programs. He has been active on law enforcement committees, on which Chicago personnel have served, and enjoys an excellent reputation.

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b7c The enclosed transcripts were transcribed by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Secretary to [REDACTED]

FBIHQ is requested to analyze the enclosed transcripts and determine their importance. Additionally, FBIHQ is requested to correspond with [REDACTED] regarding their disposition with an advice copy to Chicago.

Information copy being furnished to Detroit in view of a matter relating to JIMMY HOFFA and, in the event, contact with aforementioned individuals at Lake Orion, Michigan, is requested.

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CITE: //3220//

PASS: SSA [REDACTED], OCI/DB, SECTION #2, FBIHQ (INFO ONLY).

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

ON JULY 23, 1992, "A CURRENT AFFAIR" PROGRAM AIRED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION WHERE AN UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL ADMITTED TO BEING INVOLVED IN THE DISAPPEARANCE AND MURDER OF JIMMY HOFFA. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, WHITE MALE, DOB/POB DECEMBER 21, 1922, IN MARYLAND, 5'10", 150 POUNDS, GRAY HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SSAN

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[REDACTED], FBI #606300A. FRANCE HAS AN EXTENSIVE ARREST RECORD, HAVING BEEN ARRESTED IN GEORGIA, MISSOURI, KANSAS, FLORIDA, AND LOUISIANA.

FBI LOUISIANA IDENTIFIED FRANCE AS HAVING A LOUISIANA DRIVER'S LICENSE WHICH EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 21, 1992. TO DATE FRANCE HAS NOT RENEWED HIS LOUISIANA'S DRIVER'S LICENSE. ADDITIONALLY, FRANCE HAD MAINTAINED A RESIDENCE AT 4936 ZENITH, NUMBER 213, METAIRIE, LOUISIANA. A UTILITY CHECK REVEALED SERVICE WAS DISCONNECTED FOR FRANCE ON DECEMBER 30, 1987. AT PRESENT, THE WHEREABOUTS OF FRANCE IS UNDETERMINED.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT OFFICE INDICES CHECKS, LOCAL CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND ANY OTHER LOGICAL CHECKS TO INCLUDE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DETERMINE IF A CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A CURRENT LOCATION OF FRANCE.

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CITE: //3350:SQ 9//

PASS: SSA [REDACTED] b7c DCI/DB, SECTION #2, FBIHQ.

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO:DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND ALL FIELD OFFICES  
DATED MAY 25, 1993.

ON MAY 27, 1993, CHECK OF MISSOURI UNIFORM LAW  
ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM, ALERT (KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA  
POLICE DEPARTMENTS), KANSAS AND MISSOURI DMV, FOIMS, GENERAL  
INDICES AND CRIMINAL RECORDS UNIT, MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY  
PATROL (WHOSE RECORDS COVER ENTIRE STATE OF MISSOURI) WERE ALL

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NEGATIVE REGARDING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE. WELFARE AND  
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY CHECKS AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI WERE  
NEGATIVE REGARDING SSAN FOR FRANCE; HOWEVER, A TRANS UNION  
TRACE REPORT FOR SSAN [REDACTED] CAME BACK TO JOSEPH K.  
FRANCE, P.O. BOX 483, JACKSON, LOUISIANA 70748. (b2)

AS NO INVESTIGATION REMAINS AT KANSAS CITY, CASE  
CONSIDERED RUC.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 5/25/93.

ON 5/26/93, RECORDS OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FAILED TO DISCLOSE AN ARIZONA ARREST RECORD FOR THE SUBJECT JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

ON 5/26/93, RECORDS OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION, DRIVER'S LICENSE SECTION, FAILED TO DISCLOSE AN ARIZONA DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR THE SUBJECT JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

ON 5/26/93, RECORDS OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF

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TRANSPORTATION, VEHICLE REGISTRATION, FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY  
VEHICLES REGISTERED IN ARIZONA FOR THE SUBJECT JOSEPH KENNETH  
FRANCE.

A QUERY OF PHOENIX INDICES FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SUBJECT JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

SINCE NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION REMAINS AT PHOENIX, THIS  
MATTER IS CONSIDERED RUC.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES DATED MAY 25,  
1993.

A SEARCH OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY COMPUTER NETWORK, WHICH  
HOUSES THE RECORDS OF THE OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. BOTH OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA,  
REVEALED NO RECORD FOR JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

DMV CHECKS THROUGH THE STATES OF IOWA AND NEBRASKA ALSO  
MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INDICES NEGATIVE.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR, MAY 25, 1993.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF DETROIT, ON MAY 27, 1993,

COMPUTERIZED INQUIRY OF OPERATOR'S LICENSE FILE IN THE TEXAS  
CRIME INFORMATION CENTER DATABASE FAILED TO INDICATE TEXAS  
OPERATOR'S LICENSE/TEXAS IDENTIFICATION CARD ASSIGNED TO  
JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

ON MAY 27, 1993, REVIEW OF COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY  
FILE OF TEXAS CRIME INFORMATION CENTER INDICATED A CRIMINAL  
HISTORY RELATING TO FRANCE, HOWEVER, IT WAS REFLECTED THAT THE

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RECORD WAS NOT COMPLETELY COMPUTERIZED AND A MANUAL SEARCH  
WOULD BE REQUIRED.

ON MAY 27, 1993, MANUAL SEARCH OF THE COMPUTERIZED  
CRIMINAL HISTORY DATABASE INDICATED THAT JOSEPH KENNETH  
FRANCE, WHITE MALE, DOB DECEMBER 21, 1922. AT MARYLAND, 5'10",  
150 POUNDS, HAZEL AND BROWN EYES, SCAR ON ABDOMEN, ARRESTED ON  
JANUARY 16, 1956, BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS FOR  
"HOLD" FOR ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA, HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA  
AND CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

IT IS NOTED THAT ALL ARRESTS BOTH FELONY AND FIRST  
OFFENSE MISDEMEANORS MADE EVERY CITY AND COUNTY IN THE STATE  
OF TEXAS ARE RECORDED IN THE COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY  
DATABASE. THIS IS A RELIABLE AND ACCURATE DATABASE WHICH WILL  
CONTAIN NOT ONLY DATA CONCERNING POSSIBLE DATA ARRESTS AND AN  
INDIVIDUALS PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT BUT ALSO ANY  
OTHER PLACE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS THE INDIVIDUAL MAY HAVE  
TRAVELED.

ON MAY 27, 1993, A COMPUTERIZED INQUIRY OF TRANS UNION  
ATLAS DATABASE INDICATED THAT AS OF OCTOBER, 1990, JOSEPH K.  
FRANCE, SSAN [REDACTED] RESIDED AT P.O. BOX 483, JACKSON, 62  
LOUISIANA 70748.

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ON MAY 28, 1993, A REVIEW OF APPROPRIATE INDICES AT EL PASO DID NOT INDICATE ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH FRANCE.

ANY LEADS GENERATED AS A RESULT AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION ARE BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF DETROIT.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT EL PASO.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TT TO BOSTON AND ALL OFFICES DATED 5/25/93.

A SEARCH OF BOSTON INDICES WAS CONDUCTED AND PROVED  
NEGATIVE ON JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE. ALSO NEGATIVE WAS A  
MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF PROBATION AND DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR  
VEHICLES SEARCH.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 25, 1993.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE DETROIT CASE AGENT, ALL

INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE JACKSONVILLE DIVISION HAS MET WITH

NEGATIVE RESULTS CONCERNING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE WITH THE

EXCEPTION OF A CREDIT INQUIRY UTILIZING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

[REDACTED] THROUGH THE TRANS UNION CREDIT INFORMATION

SERVICES. THIS INQUIRY DISCLOSED THAT JOSEPH K. FRANCE HAD AN

ADDRESS OF POST OFFICE BOX 483, JACKSON, LOUISIANA, 70748.

THIS INFORMATION WAS DATED OCTOBER, 1990.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY JACKSONVILLE.

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CITE: //3010//

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE DATED 5/25/93.

A REVIEW OF NEW YORK AND VERMONT DRIVER'S LICENSE, CRIMINAL HISTORY, ALBANY FOIMS AND GENERAL INDICES, NEGATIVE, REGARDING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, WHITE MALE, DOB-DECEMBER 21, 1922.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Assistant (IA) [REDACTED] at Birmingham,  
Alabama:

b7c On May 26, 1993, no arrest records were located through  
a records check of the below listed law enforcement agencies data  
systems by IA [REDACTED]

BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL COURT - CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On May 26, 1993, an Alabama Driver's License (ADL)  
inquiry was conducted utilizing the Alabama Criminal Justice  
Information Center (ACJIC) regarding subject.

Inquiry was negative.

On May 26, 1993, an Alabama Vehicle Registration (AVR)  
was conducted utilizing the ACJIC regarding any vehicles  
registered to subject.

Inquiry was negative.

Birmingham Foims and General Indices negative regarding  
subject.

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Date 5/27/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
 FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (281A-DE-R-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

Re teletype from Detroit to the Bureau dated 5/25/93.

Enclosed for Detroit are the original and two copies of an investigative insert by Investigative Assistant [REDACTED] at Birmingham, Alabama.

Since no further investigation remains, Birmingham considers this matter RUC.

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FM FBI TAMPA (245A-DE-1155) (SQ.5) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3880//

PASS: SSA [REDACTED] OCI-DB, SECTION 2, FBIHQ.

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

REFERENCE DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES,  
DATED 5/25/93.

A REVIEW OF FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS, AS WELL AS  
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY LICENSE OR  
VEHICLES REGISTERED TO JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DOB 12/21/22.

A REVIEW OF RECORDS MAINTAINED AT THE TAMPA POLICE  
DEPARTMENT AND THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

*noted CAC 6/1/93*

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TAMPA, FLORIDA, FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

RECORDS OF THE TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY AND A REVIEW OF THE  
REDI REAL ESTATE INDEX FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA FAILED  
TO REVEAL ANY PROPERTY IN THE NAME OF JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

AN INQUIRY THROUGH TRACE REGARDING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE,  
SSAN [REDACTED] REVEALED ANY INQUIRY DATED 10/90, WITH THE  
ADDRESS OF P.O. BOX 483, JACKSON, LOUISIANA, 70748. NO OTHER  
INQUIRIES WERE ON FILE. -b2

IN VIEW OF THE FACT ALL REQUESTED INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN  
CONDUCTED AND REPORTED ON, THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED RUC'D.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT-TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND ALL FBI FIELD  
OFFICES DATED 5/25/93. b7C b7C

ON 6/1/93, IA [REDACTED] AND OCIS ANALYST [REDACTED]  
CONDUCTED FOIMS AND GENERAL INDICES CHECKS REGARDING JOSEPH  
KENNETH FRANCE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MINNESOTA CRIMINAL  
HISTORY CHECKS AND MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
CHECKS DEVELOPED NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH JOSEPH KENNETH  
FRANCE.

AS NO LEADS OUTSTANDING, MINNEAPOLIS CONSIDERS THIS

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PASS: DE FOR SSA [REDACTED], OCI/DB SECTION 2.

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

REFERENCE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR DATED MAY 25, 1993; AND TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN SA [REDACTED], DETROIT; AND SA [REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS, ON MAY 27, 1993.

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FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, ON JULY 23, 1992, "A CURRENT AFFAIR" PROGRAM AIRED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION AND FEATURED AN UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL WHO ADMITTED TO BEING INVOLVED IN THE DISAPPEARANCE AND MURDER OF JIMMY HOFFA. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS

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SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED AS JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH/PLACE OF BIRTH DECEMBER 21, 1922, IN MARYLAND, 5'2", 150 POUNDS, GRAY HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER 606300A. FRANCE HAS AN EXTENSIVE ARREST RECORD. FBI NEW ORLEANS IDENTIFIED FRANCE AS HAVING A LOUISIANA DRIVER'S LICENSE WHICH EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 21, 1992, AND HAS NOT BEEN RENEWED SINCE. FRANCE HAD MAINTAINED A RESIDENCE AT 4936 ZENITH, NUMBER 213, METAIRIE, LOUISIANA. A UTILITY CHECK REVEALED SERVICE WAS DISCONNECTED FOR FRANCE ON DECEMBER 30, 1987. FRANCE'S WHEREABOUTS ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN. - b2

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, REFERENCE POSSIBLE ADDRESS FOR FRANCE AS PROVIDED BY DETROIT: POST OFFICE BOX 483, JACKSON, LOUISIANA, INDICATES THIS ADDRESS WAS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO A JESSIE STEVENS, WHO IS DECEASED. THIS POST OFFICE BOX IS NOW BEING USED BY A [REDACTED], BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. 7 b7c

A CHECK WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REVEALS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] JACKSON, LOUISIANA 70748.

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[REDACTED]  
DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] POUNDS.

INDICES AND NCIC CHECKS CONDUCTED ON STEVENS WERE  
NEGATIVE. LOCAL CRIMINAL CHECKS REVEAL TWO ARREST FOR  
DISTURBING THE PEACE IN 1968 AND 1972.

NEW ORLEANS, AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: WILL LOCATE AND  
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE, IF ANY,  
OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, AND PROVIDE  
RESULTS TO DETROIT. BATON ROUGE IS ADVISED NOT TO MENTION THE  
HOFFA INVESTIGATION AS THE REASON FOR ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE  
FRANCE.

NEW ORLEANS, AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: WILL ATTEMPT TO  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] OF FRANCE, [REDACTED]  
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Date 5/26/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)  
FROM : *JPB/acc/ef* SAC, CHARLOTTE (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to Bureau, 5/25/93.

Inquiry with the NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (NCDMV) through the DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INFORMATION (DCI), CHARLOTTE DIVISION, 5/25/93, was negative for any drivers license issued or vehicles registered to JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE in the State of North Carolina.

Review of criminal records through DCI, 5/25/93, was likewise negative for any record of arrest identifiable with FRANCE in North Carolina.

Charlotte general indices and FOIMS negative.

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Date 5/27/93

TO : SAC, MOBILE (281A-DE-67821)  
FROM : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
(OO: DETROIT)

Re DETel to Mobile, 5/25/93.

The following individuals were contacted with  
negative results regarding an arrest record for subject:

[REDACTED]  
Records Section  
Mobile PD  
Mobile, Ala.

[REDACTED]  
Records Section  
Mobile PD  
Mobile, Ala.

Subject does not have an Alabama DL or vehicle  
registered in Alabama.

Mobile indices negative re subject.

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Date 5/28/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
 FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to Director and All Field  
 Offices, dated 5/25/93.

On 5/27/93, Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] FBI, St. Louis, Missouri, checked the records of the following for information relating to JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, white male, DOB/POB 12/21/22, in Maryland, 5'10", 150 pounds, gray hair, hazel eyes, SSAN [REDACTED] FBI #606300A, however, all met with negative results: *62*

- 1) St. Louis FBI office General Indices, FOIMS, and OCIS;
- 2) State of Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES);
- 3) National Crime Information Center (NCIC);
- 4) State of Missouri Regional Justice Information System (REJIS);
- 5) State of Missouri Department of Revenue (MDOR) Motor Vehicle and Driver's License; and
- 6) NEXIS/LEXIS Information Systems.

No further investigation remains to be conducted by the St. Louis Division, therefore, this matter is being RUC'd.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE, DATED 5/25/93, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION REQUESTED RECIPIENTS TO CONDUCT  
OFFICE INDICES CHECKS, LOCAL CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS, AND ANY  
OTHER LOGICAL CHECKS TO INCLUDE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
(DMV), REGARDING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF DETROIT, CHECKS OF MILWAUKEE  
INDICES, WISCONSIN DMV, AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN CRIME  
INFORMATION BUREAU FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INFORMATION  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DOB 12/21/22.

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INFORMATION COMMUNICATION

Date: 06/02/93

FROM: *RW/K* SAC, MEMPHIS (183A-DE-R1155) (RUC)

CONTACT: *[REDACTED] b7C*

TO: SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
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TITLE: HOFFEX;  
OO: DETROIT

RE: Detroit teletype 5/25/93.

PURPOSE(S): To advise the following checks were negative in Memphis Division regarding JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE: indices; FOIMS; local arrest checks; and Tennessee Department of Motor Vehicles, including drivers license records.

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Date 6/3/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
 FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (281A-DE-R-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 (OO: DETROIT)

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau and all offices dated 5/25/93.

A check of Pittsburgh Division indices was negative for any information identifiable with JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

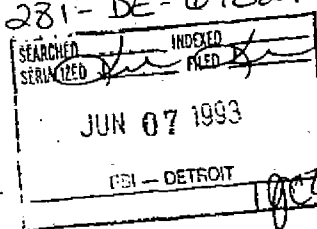
A check of records of the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Harrisburg, PA, was negative for any driver's license data identifiable with JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DOB: 12/21/22.

In addition, a check of records of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Police Department, Pittsburgh, PA, were negative for any arrest information identifiable with JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DOB: 12/21/22.

In view of the above, Pittsburgh is conducting no further investigation and placing this matter in an RUC status.

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Date: 6/3/93

TO : SAC, Detroit

FROM : SAC, Springfield (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)

SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau and all field offices dated 5/25/93.

State of Illinois motor vehicle and drivers license records negative for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

State of Illinois Computerized Criminal History file also negative from FRANCE.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY 25, 1993.

ON JUNE 1, 1993, A COMPUTERIZED SEARCH OF THE RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV), RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY RECORD ON JOSEPH FRANCE.

ON JUNE 1, 1993, A 50-STATE DMV SEARCH DISCLOSED AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF JOSEPH K. FRANCE OF 4936 ZENITH NUMBER 313, METAIRIE, LOUISIANA 70001. FRANCE HAS A DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEMBER 21, 1922, AND IS DESCRIBED AS A MALE AND

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RACE SHOWN), WEIGHING 165 POUNDS, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL,  
SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED] FRANCE HAS AN  
EXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE IN LOUISIANA.

ON JUNE 7, 1993, A COMPUTERIZED SEARCH OF THE RECORDS OF  
THE CREDIT BUREAU, INCORPORATED, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, FAILED TO  
DISCLOSE ANY CREDIT FOR FRANCE.

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FM FBI SACRAMENTO (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)

TO FBI DETROIT/ROUTINE/

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DATE: //3720//

PASS: DETROIT (C-8).

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

REFERENCE DETROIT TELETYPE DATED MAY 25, 1993.

ON JUNE 4, 1993, A CHECK OF SACRAMENTO GENERAL AND  
COMPUTERIZED INDICES, AS WELL AS LOCAL CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS  
AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES CHECKS, REFLECTED  
NO RECORD CONCERNING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DOB: DECEMBER 21,  
1922.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, NO FURTHER ACTION REMAINS TO BE  
TAKEN AT SACRAMENTO AND THIS CASE IS BEING PLACED IN AN RUC

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To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P) (C-8) Date 6/8/93

From : SA [REDACTED] b7c

Subject: HOFFEX

Re Hoffex conference in Newark, New Jersey on 2/24/93.

On 6/4/93, SAC JAMES ESPOSITTO of Newark Division advised the writer, due to the TWIN TOWER bombing in New York City, reference conference summary report has been placed in abeyance. SAC ESPOSITTO stated the report will be completed within 60 days and forwarded to all conference attendees for review prior to submission to HQ.

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Date 6/7/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)  
 FROM : *JCE/Dym* SAC, NEWARK (281A-DE-67821) (C-4) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO:DETROIT

Re: Detroit teletype to the Director dated May 25, 1993.

For the information of Detroit, a check with the New Jersey Department of Transportation proved negative for the name JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE. There were no recent local arrests in FRANCE's name; similarly, OCIS information was also dated. In addition, indices at Newark was checked with negative results.

Inasmuch as all logical investigation has been completed at Newark, this matter is RUC'd.

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TO FBI DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)/PRIORITY/

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR WITH COPY FOR CLEVELAND  
DATED 5/25/93.

A RECORD SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CLEVELAND, OHIO,  
POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS RE ABOVE  
NAME.

ALL NAME(S) ABOVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE FILES OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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WERE ALSO SEARCHED, AND ALSO MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

A SEARCH OF THE CLEVELAND INDICES RE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL  
ALSO MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, 5/25/93.

ATLANTA DIVISION UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE CURRENT LOCATION OF JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, WHITE  
MALE, DOB: 12/21/22.

IF ATLANTA MAY BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER,  
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

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Date 6/8/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)  
 FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (281A-DE-67821) (SQ-1) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
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 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to Director, et al, 5/25/93, captioned as above.

Philadelphia indices check conducted on the name JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, Date of Birth (dob) 12/21/22, with negative results.

PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT (PHPD) and PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE (PSP) checks conducted on JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, dob 12/21/22, FBI # 606300A, Social Security Account Number (SSAN) [REDACTED] were negative. b2

A Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) check of PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES for information on JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, dob 12/21/22, failed to reflect any record for this individual.

As no further investigation remains in Philadelphia, this matter is being considered RUC.

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TO FBI DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3750//

SUBJECT: HOFFEZ; 00:DE.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED 5/25/93.

CRIMINAL BUREAU RECORDS, AS WELL AS DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS, IN THE STATES OF UTAH, IDAHO, AND MONTANA WERE SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS REGARDING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DATE OF BIRTH 12/21/22/

SALT LAKE CITY INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING FRANCE.

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON

The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Assistant [REDACTED] b7C

On May 26, 1993, the following computerized records were queried regarding Joseph Kenneth France, under true name and known aliases, with negative results:

Oregon State Motor Vehicles Division (driver's license and vehicle registration);

Portland Police Data Systems (records of Portland, Oregon, Police Bureau);

Sheriff's Records Management System (records of Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Portland, Oregon);

Law Enforcement Data System (Oregon warrants and criminal history data).

On May 26, 1993, a query of the State of Oregon Welfare and Employment Division records were negative for France.

On May 26, 1993, a computerized inquiry of the Trans Union Credit Computer indicated that France's last known address was Post Office Box 483, Jackson, Louisiana, 70748.

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Date 6/7/93

TO: SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
 FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: HOFFEX  
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 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to all field offices, 5/25/93.

Enclosed for Detroit are the original and one copy of an investigative insert.

Portland general indices were negative for Joseph Kenneth France.

Portland considers this case RUC'd.

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TO FBI DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)/ROUTINE/

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO MIAMI, DATED 5/25/93.

FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
RECORDS WERE NEGATIVE REGARDING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DOB:  
12/21/22.

LOCAL CRIMINAL CHECKS CONDUCTED OF FLORIDA CRIME  
INFORMATION CENTER AND METRO-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE ALSO  
NEGATIVE REGARDING FRANCE.

MIAMI INDICES REFLECTS ONE IDENTICAL REFERENCE TO FRANCE  
IN MIAMI FILE 183A-DE-1155, HOWEVER, THIS INFORMATION WAS

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Date 6/2/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
 FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (281A-DE-R-67821) (RUC) -4  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
 OO: Detroit

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Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau and all field offices 5/25/93.

Enclosed for Detroit are two copies each of two photographs of KENNETH K. FRANCE taken at the time of his arrest by the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), San Antonio, Texas, 12/31/89.

The following investigation was conducted by Investigative Assistant [REDACTED] at San Antonio, Texas, on 5/27 and 6/2/93:

Computerized files of the Bexar County Criminal Justice System revealed an arrest on 12/31/89, by the BCSO of JOSEPH K. FRANCE described as a white male, born 12/21/22, Baltimore, Maryland, 5'10", 165 pounds, gray hair, hazel eyes, suffering from heart disease and a crippled right leg, with scars in his left groin area and abdomen. His SSAN was shown to be [REDACTED] and his address as P. O. Box 438, Jackson, Louisiana (Villa Feliciana Chronic Disease Hospital).

A family member was listed as a daughter, [REDACTED] (also recorded as [REDACTED]) then residing [REDACTED]

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BCSO booking records indicated FRANCE was arrested on an escape (kidnapping) warrant out of Louisiana, at 4455 Fredericksburg Road (Travis Motel), San Antonio, Texas, on 12/31/89. No further details of the arrest were available.

FRANCE was remanded without bond to the Bexar County Jail and released to Louisiana authorities on 1/10/90, for return to Jackson, Louisiana.

Checks of computerized files of the Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, a Austin, Texas, revealed no record of a drivers license, motor vehicle registration or arrest record in the state of Texas for FRANCE.

Additional leads based of the foregoing left to the discretion of Detroit.

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TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)  
 FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to Bureau, 5/25/93.

On June 7, 1993, a check of the ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Little Rock, Arkansas, by Investigative Assistant (IA) [REDACTED] failed to reflect a driver's license issued or an automobile registered to JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

b7C The following individuals advised a review of their respective agency files was negative regarding JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE:

[REDACTED] Identification Division, Arkansas State Police, Little Rock, Arkansas (which is the central repository for fingerprint cards for the state)

[REDACTED] Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Little Rock, Arkansas

[REDACTED] Little Rock Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas

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b7c [REDACTED] North Little Rock Police  
Department, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

No further investigation outstanding in the  
Little Rock Division, and this case is being RUC'd.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)

Date 6/9/93

From : *wcm/wm* ACTING SAC, BALTIMORE (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)

Subject: HOFFEX;  
OO: DE

Reference Detroit teletype to Director and all divisions dated 5/25/93.

A search of the automated Maryland State Police "Browse" function, which phonetically refers names of Maryland drivers upon request, developed four individuals named JOSEPH FRANCE, of which none were identical to JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, W/M, DPOB 12/21/22, Maryland. Registrations for vehicles would be kept under the name as listed in the MSP computer.

There is a criminal history for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, an identical subject, in the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System (MCJIS). This was for a 1/16/56 arrest for Issuing Worthless Checks. This record was updated with FRANCE's new State ID number, 850175, on 8/12/84. There was no new substantive charge for the 8/12/84 entry, which says "OLD SID NUMBER - SYSTEM INSERTED".

Since all investigation requested in referenced teletype has been completed by the Baltimore Division, until which time as Detroit requests other interviews, Baltimore considers this matter RUC.

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PASS: SSA [REDACTED] DCI/DB, SECTION #2, FEHQ (INFO  
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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE DATED MAY 25, 1993.

FOR INFORMATION OF DETROIT DIVISION, THE DENVER DIVISION  
CONDUCTED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION:

ON JUNE 11, 1993, A CHECK WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO,  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR A JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE,  
WHITE MALE, DOB/POB DECEMBER 21, 1922, IN MARYLAND, 5'10", 150

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FOUNDS, GRAY HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SSAN [REDACTED] FBI #406300A,  
WAS MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE DENVER DIVISION CHECKED FOIMS AND INDICES RECORDS FOR  
JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, ALL INFORMATION WAS NEGATIVE.

DETROIT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE DENVER  
DIVISION OF ANY NEW INFORMATION AND IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
IS NECESSARY.

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PASS: SSA [REDACTED], OCI/DB, SECTION 2, FBIHQ.  
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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

ON 6/1/93, THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES' RECORDS WERE SEARCHED  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS: POLICE OF PUERTO RICO, DEPARTMENT OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES AND SAN JUAN INDICES.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED 5/25/93.

HONOLULU INDICES REVEALED NO POSITIVE INFORMATION  
CONCERNING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF HAWAII COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL  
HISTORY FILES FAILED TO DISCLOSE A CRIMINAL RECORD  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH FRANCE.

A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF HAWAII COMPUTERIZED DRIVER'S  
LICENSE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FILES FAILED TO  
DISCLOSE A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED TO

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FRANCE.

AS THERE IS NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION REMAINING AT  
HONOLULU, THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED RUC.

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Date 6/8/93

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] OCI/DE,  
 SECT. 2, FBIHQ)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

RE: Detroit tel to the Bureau, dated 5/25/93.

For the information of the Bureau and Detroit, on 5/28/93, the records of the following agencies were searched via the automated COLLECT system re JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE with negative results:

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles.  
 The Connecticut State Bureau of Identification.  
 The Connecticut Department of Corrections.

Also, on 6/2/93, New Haven indices were searched with negative results.

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FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
OO: DE

Re Detroit teletype to the Director, dated 5/25/93.

For the information of the Detroit Division, no information was located in regard to JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE. Indices checks were negative, as well as all checks with the Department of Motor Vehicles for current driver's license or registered vehicles.

No further investigation is being conducted.

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TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)  
FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (281A-DE-R-67821) (RUC)  
SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
OO: DETROIT

Re DE teletype to Bureau and all FBI field offices,  
5/25/93.

A review of DMV records conducted through the New York Statewide Police Information Network (NYSPIN) reflected "no hit" for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, dob 12/21/22. In addition, no identifiable arrest record was located for FRANCE in New York State.

Buffalo indices negative.

As no further investigation remains in Buffalo, this matter is being placed in an RUC status.

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2 - Buffalo  
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 FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (281A-DE-R-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau, dated 5/25/93.

On 5/26/93, Motor Vehicle and Driver Licensing checks were conducted, with negative results, for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCES.

On 6/9/93, arrest checks were conducted, with negative results, for FRANCES.

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Date 6/17/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (C-8)  
 FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to Director and all field offices dated 5/25/93.

On 5/28/93, a search of the records of the criminal history files, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Columbia, South Carolina, revealed no local record of arrest for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, date of birth, 12/21/22, social security account number [REDACTED]

On 5/28/93, a search of the records of the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Columbia, South Carolina, revealed no drivers license issued or vehicle registered to FRANCE.

On 5/26/93, a search of Columbia Division's ISIS, OCIS, and FOIMS databases revealed no local information for FRANCE.

As no further investigation remains, Columbia is placing this matter in an RUC status.

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FM FBI DALLAS (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)

TO FBI DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3190:CI0C //

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

REFERENCE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR AND ALL FBI  
FIELD OFFICES, DATED 5/25/93.

THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, DALLAS, TEXAS, RECORDS  
DIVISION, ADVISED THAT IT HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD ON FILE  
REGARDING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

THE DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, ADVISED THAT IT HAS NO CRIMINAL  
RECORD ON FILE REGARDING FRANCE.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS WERE SEARCHED

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REGARDING FRANCE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

COMPUTERIZED TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS WERE SEARCHED  
REGARDING FRANCE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

DALLAS OFFICE INDICES WERE CHECKED REGARDING FRANCE, WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AS NO OTHER INVESTIGATION REMAINS OUTSTANDING AT DALLAS,  
THIS MATTER IS BEING CONSIDERED RUC.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED MAY 25, 1993; AND  
KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED JUNE 22, 1993.

UTILITY AND POSTAL CHECKS CONDUCTED ON RESIDENCE LOCATED  
AT 1230 ST. ANDREW STREET, APARTMENT B, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
PROVED NEGATIVE. A CHECK WITH THE NEW ORLEANS HAYNES 1993  
CRISS CROSS DIRECTORY, HOWEVER, REVEALED AN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA,

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TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE IS  
BELIEVED TO HAVE [REDACTED] BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] 7

WHILE CONDUCTING A SPOT CHECK AT 1230 ST. ANDREW STREET,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON JUNE 15, 1993, AN INDIVIDUAL  
BEARING A RESEMBLANCE TO JOSEPH K. FRANCE (AS DEPICTED ON A  
COPY OF AN EXPIRED LOUISIANA DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTOGRAPH) WAS  
OBSERVED RETRIEVING MAIL FROM A MAILBOX LOCATED AT THIS  
ADDRESS. 1230 ST. ANDREW STREET APPEARS TO BE A DUPLEX WITH  
APARTMENTS ADDED TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING. b7c

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT JOSEPH K.  
FRANCE IS CURRENTLY RESIDING AT 1230 ST. ANDREW STREET, NEW  
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED BY DETROIT, NEW  
ORLEANS WILL AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INTERVIEW OF  
SAID SUBJECT. INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS IS CONTINUING.

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
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Date 6/9/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
 FROM ~~WNA/KR~~ SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit tel to Bureau, dated 5/25/93.

On 6/1/93, [REDACTED], Driver Information, INDIANA BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised a search of her records proved negative in locating a Indiana Driver's License for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, W/M, DOB 12/21/22, SSAN [REDACTED] b2

b7c [REDACTED] advised a search for vehicles registered in the State of Indiana under SSAN [REDACTED] also proved negative. b2

Arrest checks conducted through INDIANA STATE POLICE and INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT were negative re FRANCE.

Indianapolis Division general indices negative regarding FRANCE.

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 1-Indianapolis  
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Date 6/24/93

TO : SAC DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
FROM : SAC, Anchorage (281A-DE-67821) (R-2)  
SUBJECT: HOFFEX  
OO: DE

Re Detroit teletype to Director dated 5/25/93.

On 5/25/93, a review of the records of the Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN), a central repository of driver's license/vehicle registration information and felony/misdemeanor arrests and convictions for the State of Alaska, did not reveal any information identifiable with subject Joseph Kenneth France.

In addition, the Anchorage Division's indices were negative regarding France.

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1 - Anchorage  
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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
☐ SECRET  
☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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Date 6/24/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT  
 FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit tel to Director, dated 5/25/93.

A review of Oklahoma City Division indices and FOIMS failed to reveal any information identifiable with JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, white male, date of birth 12/21/22, except for a reference to Oklahoma City File 88-5550, dated 8/65. A search for this file revealed that the file was destroyed on 9/16/72, and that Atlanta Division is office of origin for the file, under Atlanta File Number 88-7882.

Inquiries through the following computerized records systems failed to reveal any information identifiable with FRANCE:

The Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications Systems (OLETS), Driver's License Division;

OLETS, Criminal Status Division, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; and

The Oklahoma State Department of Corrections.

Since no further investigation remains for the Oklahoma City Division, this matter is being considered RUC.

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 2 - Oklahoma City  
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on June 14, 1993, at Cincinnati, Ohio:

b2 A query was conducted of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Regional Crime Information Center (RCIC), and Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) regarding JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, date of birth December 21, 1922, Social Security Account Number [REDACTED], with negative results. No local information regarding FRANCE could be located.

b2 A local criminal record check and credit check were also conducted regarding FRANCE. The results of these checks were negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 14, 1993:  
b7c [REDACTED] -b2/b7D was contacted and provided the following information:

No utility services could be located for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area.

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
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☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ CONFIDENTIAL  
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Date 6/22/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)  
 FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (281A-DE-R67821) (P)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO:DE

Re Detroit teletype to Director and all FBI Field Offices dated 5/25/93.

Enclosed for Detroit are two copies of an insert regarding a utility service check, and two copies of an insert reflecting a local criminal record check and credit check regarding JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

The results of the utility service check, local criminal record check, and credit check regarding JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE were negative.

Investigation continuing.

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 2-Cincinnati  
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TO DIRECTOR FBI/ROUTINE/

FBI DETROIT (281A-DE-67820)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3540//

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO:DE.

RE DE TEL TO ALL FIELD DIVISIONS DATED MAY 25, 1993.

NEW YORK (NY) HAS CONDUCTED ALL LOGICAL CHECKS AS  
REQUESTED BY ABOVE REFERENCED TELETYPE. ALL INQUIRIES WERE  
NEGATIVE REGARDING JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DATE OF BIRTH  
DECEMBER 21, 1922, SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]  
AS NO OTHER INVESTIGATION IS REQUESTED OF NY, THIS MATTER WILL  
BE RUC.

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FM FBI TAMPA (245A-DE-1155) (SQ.5) (P)

TO FBI [REDACTED] /ROUTINE/

FBI DETROIT (245A-DE-1155)/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3380//

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY PER REQUEST), SSAN

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO PUBLISH A

PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEATH OF JIMMY HOFFA, THE  
RELIABILITY OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS PRESENT [REDACTED] OR

[REDACTED] WHEN AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS, [REDACTED] (NOW

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[REDACTED] PLACED A  
TELEPHONE CALL FROM A PUBLIC TELEPHONE IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN [REDACTED] DURING THE  
CONVERSATION, [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HOFFA'S BODY HAD  
BEEN MUTILATED IN A WOOD CHIPPING MACHINE IN AN APPLE ORCHARD  
IN SOUTH NEW JERSEY. THE REMAINS WERE THEN DISPOSED OF IN THE  
SHARK INFESTED WATERS OFF THE COAST OF ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK HAS BEEN -  
DONE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE HOFFA CASE, [REDACTED]  
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CURRENTLY  
RESIDING [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED] PHONE [REDACTED] TO  
DETERMINE [REDACTED] RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, TO [REDACTED]  
AND TO CORROBORATE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] THROUGH  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH HOFFA'S DEMISE.

TAMPA IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE VERACITY OF THE  
INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] HAS PROVIDED  
INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES, MOST OF  
WHICH INFORMATION IS DATED AND OF DUBIOUS VALUE.

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CITE: //3840:SQ. 3//

PASS: SSA [REDACTED] OCI/DB, SECTION #2, FBIHQ (INFO ONLY).

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE: DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ALL FIELD OFFICES  
DATED 5/25/93.

ON 6/30/93, A CREDIT CHECK ON SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT  
NUMBER [REDACTED] - 62 ISSUED TO JOSEPH K. FRANCE, THROUGH THE  
FBI, BUTTE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER, REFLECTED HE HAS A  
CURRENT ADDRESS AS OF JUNE 1993 AT 1230 ST. ANDREW, NEW

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FM FBI SAN DIEGO (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)

TO FBI DETROIT/ROUTINE/

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CITE: //3780//

SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

REFERENCE DETROIT TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED 5/25/93.

AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, SAN DIEGO GENERAL INDICES, CONFIDENTIAL INDICES, ELSUR INDICES, AND FOIMS WERE CHECKED FOR THE NAME JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALSO CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS WERE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEATH RECORDS, THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REAL ESTATE INDEX, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS, THE AUTOMATED REGIONAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM, FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME RECORDS, AND LOCAL TELEPHONE LISTINGS.

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FRANCE HAS NO CALIFORNIA OR LOCAL CRIMINAL RECORD AND IS  
NOT BEING HELD AT ANY SAN DIEGO COUNTY JAIL.

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## PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate  
☐ Priority  
☐ Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET  
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Date 7/8/93

TO : SAC, TAMPA

FROM : SAC, [REDACTED] (P) b7c/b7D

SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
OO:DETROIT

Re: TAMPA teletype to [REDACTED] dated 7/01/93 b7c/b7D

Tampa is requested to recontact [REDACTED] to determine if the information he provided relative to a telephone call by an acquaintance of his is of a singular nature. If such is the case, protection of his identity will be compromised with an interview of [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] b7c b7D

Tampa should also be aware that little, if any, credibility, should be accorded to any statements by [REDACTED]. He is widely known and regarded in the law enforcement community as a less than credible individual. This story appears to contravene a large and generally accepted body of information and evidence surrounding the disappearance of Hoffa. [REDACTED] is also documented in FBI files as to his conviction and sentence for making false statements to federal agents.

Investigation at [REDACTED] indicates that [REDACTED]

② Detroit (info)  
 2- Tampa [REDACTED] (Sq. 5)  
 1- Sacramento  
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[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED]  
Tampa may wish to confer with Detroit and FBIHQ  
relative to expending additional resources in pursuing a lead  
of such dubious value. There appears to be no investigative  
merit in contacting [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] in abeyance and await confirmation from Tampa that the  
source of this information is not singular or that it needs  
not to be protected.

# Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821)

Date : 7/22/93

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Subject: "HOFFEX"

Re telephone inquiry by [REDACTED], Detroit News reporter with ASAC ANTHONY T. RIGGIO on 7/21/93. 7

[REDACTED] initiated an inquiry with ASAC RIGGIO regarding an examination of [REDACTED] DNA in captioned matter. ASAC RIGGIO advised the reporter the information would be available via the SAC's Office on 7/22/93. b7C

b7A The reporting agent contacted [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Headquarters, extension [REDACTED] stated the [REDACTED] in the Hoffa case [REDACTED] at present, FBI DNA examinations require [REDACTED] stated it is anticipated within the next year to two an examination process of [REDACTED] will be implemented by FBIHQ and available for analysis in captioned matter.

The information was forwarded to the SAC and ASAC via this memo; no further dissemination took place, i.e., [REDACTED] has not initiated a follow-up inquiry nor has he been advised of this report as of this date.

- 1 - SAC HELTERHOFF
  - 1 - ASAC RIGGIO
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- TMC/rmv  
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Date 7/18/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)  
 FROM *WDB/BJ* SAC, CHICAGO (281A-DE-67821) (RUC) (SQ.6C)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

Reference teletype to Director and all FBI field offices dated May 25, 1993.

Chicago indices revealed no current address for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE. Record checks with the CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT (CPD) were negative. Arrest checks of the ILLINOIS BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION were negative. Research of the ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE's office driver's record information revealed no driver's license issued. A Social Security Account Number (SSAN) trace of the Chicago division of TRANS UNION revealed that as of October, 1990, SSAN [REDACTED] associated with JOSEPH K. FRANCE, post office box 483 Jackson, Louisiana 70748. There is no other current address information. *b2*

This matter is considered RUC'd by the Chicago Division.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8) (P) Date 7/26/93

b7C From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject: HOFFEX;  
(OO: DETROIT)

Re Tampa teletype to [REDACTED] dated 7/1/93; b7C/b7D  
[REDACTED] airtel to Tampa dated 7/8/93, and Detroit teletype to  
Tampa dated 7/26/93.

b7C Regarding [REDACTED], aka. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], the reporting Agent made a pretext call to  
[REDACTED] and it was determined [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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(2) *hrs*

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TO FBI TAMPA (245A-DE-1155)/ROUTINE/

FBI SAN FRANCISCO/ROUTINE/

INFO FBI [REDACTED]/ROUTINE/ b7c/b7D

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PASS: SA [REDACTED] SQUAD 5, TAMPA; SA [REDACTED], 10C  
SQUAD, SACRAMENTO.

b7c  
b7D SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OO: DETROIT.

RE TAMPA TELETYPE TO [REDACTED] DATED JULY 1, 1993;

[REDACTED] AIRTEL TO TAMPA DATED JULY 8, 1993, ALONG WITH  
TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN DETROIT, TAMPA AND [REDACTED]

TAMPA IS ADVISED THE CORRECT FILE NUMBER FOR HOFFEX IS  
PRESENTLY 281A-DE-67821. REGARDING THE AFOREMENTIONED  
COMMUNICATIONS [REDACTED] CREDIBILITY IS IN QUESTION BY

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THE ENTIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY AND HAS BEEN CONVICTED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO FEDERAL AGENTS.

TAMPA IS FURTHER ADVISED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CAPITALIZE ON THE HOFFA SITUATION THROUGH THEIR OWN PERSONAL WRITINGS VIA CONTACTS WITH THE FBI; ACCENTUATING SAID CONTACTS TO ENHANCE THEIR CREDIBILITY AND NOTORIETY. THEREFORE, TAMPA SHOULD BE CAUTIONED CONCERNING THEIR CONTACTS WITH [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY PER REQUEST OF TAMPA). b7c/b7D

TAMPA SHOULD USE THEIR DISCRETION ON PROCEEDING WITH REFERENCE LEAD TO [REDACTED] HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING FACTORS b7c SHOULD BE CONSIDERED: 1) [REDACTED] MOTIVE FOR FBI b7c/b7D COMMUNICATION; 2) [REDACTED] BEING COMPROMISED WITH AN INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]; 3) [REDACTED] CREDIBILITY; 4) b7c/b7D REPORTEDLY [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] <sup>b7C/b7D</sup> AND DETERMINE: A) WHAT TRIGGERED  
THE CALL WITH [REDACTED] B) WHAT WERE THE ENTIRE CIRCUMSTANCES  
SURROUNDING THE CALL; C) HAS [REDACTED] HAD ANY PERSONAL CONTACT  
WITH [REDACTED] D) WOULD [REDACTED] BE ABLE TO PERSONALLY CONTACT [REDACTED] <sup>b7C</sup>  
[REDACTED] REGARDING SAID MATTER. <sup>b7D</sup>

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 FROM : SAC, JACKSON (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau and receiving offices dated 5/25/93.

On 6/22/93, a computerized driver's license check for the State of Mississippi was conducted through NLETS regarding JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, white male, date of birth 12/21/22. NLETS failed to disclose any records identifiable with FRANCE.

On 7/6/93, [REDACTED], Identification Bureau, conducted an arrest check regarding FRANCE, with negative results. b7C

A review of Jackson General (manual and automated) indices revealed no references which appeared to be associated with FRANCE.

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Date 7/28/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8) (RUC)  
 SAC, SAN FRANCISCO  
 SAC, [REDACTED] b7c/b7D

FROM *[Signature]* SAC, TAMPA

SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO:DETROIT

Reference Detroit Teletype dated 7/26/93, and  
 7/28/93 Telcall between SA [REDACTED] N, Detroit and SA [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED], Tampa.

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Due to information received from Detroit and  
 [REDACTED] regarding the questionable reliability of  
 statements made by [REDACTED] and the dubious value of  
 information given and questionable motives in connection with  
 [REDACTED], Tampa recommends no further investigation of this  
 matter. b7c  
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TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)  
 FROM ~~AKT~~ SAC, CINCINNATI (281A-DE-R-67821) (P)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
 OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau and all FBI Field Offices dated May 25, 1993.

Cincinnati Division office indices and query of Department of Motor Vehicle records negative regarding JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE.

Investigation continuing in the Cincinnati Division.

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## Courts reject 2 requests to open files on Hoffa case

A federal appellate court has turned down a request by the Detroit Free Press to open the FBI files on the disappearance of former Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa.

The decision was announced Friday by the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and came on the heels of another appellate court decision rejecting a similar effort by Hoffa's daughter, Barbara Crancer.

"We have certainly taken a double hit this week, but not necessarily a fatal one," said Free Press lawyer Herschel Fink.

Using the federal Freedom of Information Act, the Free Press asked that the FBI's Hoffa file be opened, arguing that there is little reason to believe that anyone will ever be prosecuted for the 1976 disappearance.

But the full appellate bench, in a majority vote, sided with the FBI, which contends that the case is still active with a concrete prospect of prosecution.

In the suit brought by Crancer — a St. Louis, Mo., circuit judge — the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the FBI does not have to produce a document-by-document index of its files on her father's case.

Hoffa disappeared after going to a meeting at the Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Township. It is widely believed that he was kidnapped and murdered by underworld associates.

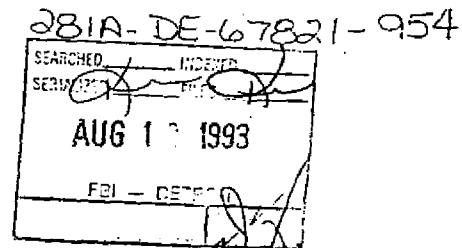
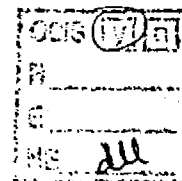
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SA [REDACTED], EXT. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: HOFFEX.

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RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, DATED MAY 25, 1993; NEW ORLEANS TELETYPES TO DETROIT, DATED JUNE 1, 1993, AND JUNE 25, 1993, ALONG WITH NUMEROUS TELCALLS BETWEEN CASE AGENT [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED]

NEW ORLEANS IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE WITH A CURRENT ADDRESS OF 1230 ST. ANDREW STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. UPON PREPARING FOR SAID INTERVIEW, THE

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FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN QUESTIONING FRANCE. DESCRIBE THE CLOTHING HOFFA HAD ON AT THE TIME OF THE ABDUCTION. WHAT JEWELRY DID HE HAVE ON? WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE CLOTHING AND JEWELRY? WAS HOFFA SITTING ALONE IN THE RESTAURANT? WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU MAKE FIRST CONTACT WITH HOFFA? DESCRIBE THE CAR HOFFA WAS DRIVING. DESCRIBE THE VEHICLE YOU TRANSPORTED HOFFA IN. WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE VEHICLE? HAVE FRANCE WALK THROUGH THE ENTIRE SCENARIO. BEGIN WITH HIS INITIAL CONTACT, PROGRESS WITH THE DETROIT AND CHICAGO HAPPENINGS. HAVE FRANCE DESCRIBE [REDACTED] AND HOW DID HE KNOW IT WAS [REDACTED] DESCRIBE THE DETAILS SURROUNDING THE YACHT/BOAT THAT HOFFA WAS TRANSPORTED IN. DETERMINE IF FRANCE IS WILLING TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH ADMINISTERED BY THE FBI.

NEW ORLEANS, AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: INTERVIEW JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE

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FROM : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P) (C-8)  
SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
(OO: DETROIT)

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau and all FBI Field Offices dated May 25, 1993, and Cincinnati airtel to Detroit dated 8/3/93.

Cincinnati is advised the whereabouts of JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE has been determined. Subsequently, the relevant segment of captioned investigation may be discontinued at this time.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Assistant (IA) [REDACTED] **BTC**

All logical criminal checks and review of Department of Motor Vehicle files to include variations of subject's name have proved negative in the Dayton, Ohio and Middletown, Ohio areas.

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The following investigation was conducted by IA [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] at Columbus, Ohio, on June 1, 1993:

The computerized records of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles were queried with negative results for JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE possessing an Ohio driver's license or vehicle registration by known name, DOB or SSAN.

The records of the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Identification, London, Ohio, were queried for FRANCE with negative results.

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FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (281A-DE-R-67821) (RUC)  
SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
OO: DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau dated May 25, 1993 and Cincinnati airtel to Detroit August 3, 1993.

Enclosed for Detroit is the original and one copy of two separate inserts.

Investigation within the Cincinnati Division concerning any information regarding JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE is negative.

This matter being placed in RUC status.

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Acting Director, FBI

SACs, Chicago (156-0)  
Detroit

JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, JR.;  
ERISA  
OO: CHICAGO

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156-2\* (3-64)  
156-4\* (3-64)  
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Re: Chicago airtel to FBIHQ dated 5/4/93.

Enclosed for Detroit are copies of 27 alleged transcripts of conversations concerning JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, JR., provided to FBIHQ and described in referenced Chicago airtel. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter directed to [REDACTED], dated 8/17/93, which is self explanatory. b7c

The transcripts provided by Chicago in the referenced communication have been reviewed by the Organized Crime/Drug Operations Section #2. The dictaphone recordings from which the transcripts were allegedly produced were apparently made by attorneys for former International Brotherhood of Teamsters General President HOFFA, in connection with the preparation of appeals concerning HOFFA's 1964 criminal conviction.

A review of the transcripts has disclosed no matters which seem of current investigative interest. Potential criminal matters discussed in the purported verbatim transcripts occurred approximately 30 years ago, beyond the normal statute of limitations, thus of little intrinsic prosecutive value. In addition, the transcripts disclose no investigative topics which appear to be useful as predicate acts in any current or future RICO action, due to the probable difficulty of corroboration of the dictaphone spools, the unavailability or demise of potential subjects, and the unavailability or demise of possible witnesses.

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Airtel to SACs Chicago, Detroit  
Re: James Riddle Hoffa, Jr.; ERISA; OO: Chicago

It is possible that the dictaphone spools were maintained in connection with some form of extortionate transaction, but no additional information is available indicating that such extortion occurred, the possible target of any such extortion, or the possible perpetrators of such acts.

It should be noted that, absent access to the dictaphone spools, it is not certain that the reputed conversations or voice attributions are accurate. Indeed, without the dictaphone spools, it is not certain whether the alleged recordings are authentic. Receiving offices should assure that no opinion regarding the authenticity or accuracy of the transcripts or dictaphone spools is disseminated outside the Bureau.

Record #1 - Interview between Bill Buffalino and [REDACTED]

The following is a statement with reference to [REDACTED] Detroit, 35, Michigan. His telephone number is [REDACTED]. I asked [REDACTED] if he had any objections to talking with me with reference to the forthcoming case, and he indicated that he had no objection whatsoever. Now this statement is being made, so that we can know what some of the facts are concerning Henry's knowledge of \*\*\*\*, of Sun Valley, this is being dictated in the presence of [REDACTED]. First of all he mentioned there was no objection to discuss any of it at all.

Next, we discussed that there's no question that any questions that were ever asked of him, just tell the truth about it - if he remembers it, just tell it.

Next, I asked him if he was ever before any grand jury's and he indicated that he was in the Washington Grand Jury not in any of the either of the two Florida Grand Jury's. He works now for the [REDACTED]. He's interested also that if he's ever a witness in the case in Tampa and he has been subpoenaed to appear September 10, 1962; now that we discussed that the case was put over til October 15, 1962, but he's going to call them in order to make sure that he's in the clear on the September 10th subpoena. Also I indicated to him that at the time of the trial we're going to try to work it out so that even though he is going to be a government witness, because he's being subpoenaed by them, we're going to ask the court to try to arrange the schedule so the witnesses don't have to spend lifetime in Tampa.

[REDACTED] indicated that he did not work out of [REDACTED], that around September, sometime around the early part of September, maybe it was the latter part of August, 1955, he started to work for [REDACTED]. At that time there was no chance to set up a bank account for Sun Valley and he was paid for a certain number of checks that came from the Local 376, and he also belonged to the group insurance, was a member of Local 376. He never met Hoffa^^, if fact he may have met him once at the coliseum, when there was a banquet out there, there was a long line of people in the reception line and [REDACTED] went up to shake hands with Mr. Hoffa^^. He never did meet Hoffa, at [REDACTED] or anywhere else in Detroit. Never met him at the Union Hall, never met him at the Teamsters Headquarters. He does not remember, in fact he's not too sure, he knows that he himself [REDACTED] was at the ground breaking ceremonies in Titusville, he was also there at the house opening when the erected 4 or 5 homes and when the homes were open, Henry was there again. He doesn't know, he might have seen Mr. Hoffa there, he might have met him, he's not sure, and he has no definite recollection at all of ever having met him in Florida. b7C

Regarding Sun Valley, he knew [REDACTED] knew that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED], but [REDACTED] said that it was his, Sun Valley belonged to him and that [REDACTED] also told him that originally that

it was going to be a retirement city, and he was going to give all the members of the Unions certain opportunity to buy the property and soon he was going to open it to the public. In fact [REDACTED] remembers that at one time he and [REDACTED] went to St. Louis, it was just a regular sales call they talked to business agents; it was regular sales talk regarding selling of property.

[REDACTED] also remembers that [REDACTED] was an officer of the company, in fact he never gave it a second thought that it belonged to anyone other than [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also remembers that agents of the narcotics bureau have called him in from time-to-time and asked him if he ever knew Mr. Hoffa; and if Mr. Hoffa ever got prescriptions for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that he had no such knowledge, all he knows is that he personally, from time-to-time would be sent by [REDACTED] to fill a prescription, thought nothing of it, didn't think there was anything wrong with it then, and doesn't think that there was anything wrong with it now. That [REDACTED] was a sick man, he knew that he was a sick man, and these prescriptions that [REDACTED] was getting filled for him, he felt that they were proper and they were useful and they were, according to a doctor's prescriptions and as far as he was concerned, he was doing what he knew was right.

[REDACTED] reminds me that when he was talking to the Narcotics people, down at the Federal Building, he told them that he had definite recollection of on one occasion filling out, going down to the drug store to get a prescription filled for him - only one. There may have been more times, but any recollection that he has is only on one occasion.

They've also, while calling him down to the Federal Building, oh. it was about 6-8, maybe 10 weeks ago, in fact it was around the cold weather, probably around March, they asked him concerning \$25,000.00, they asked whether [REDACTED] got this money from the National Bank and [REDACTED] said that he recalls, [REDACTED] says that he recalls, going to the National Bank with [REDACTED], and that he went to pick up the money, but they keep asking didn't he know what the money was for, they tried to indicate that he knew that it was for Mr. Hoffa. [REDACTED] says, "I didn't know what the money was for, and they didn't ask." "All I knew was that the money was given to [REDACTED] we dropped it off at his house, and that's all I know about it. Then once again in the Federal Building they continued to ask him about the \$25,000.00 and whether or not he had any knowledge of [REDACTED] past associates in California. [REDACTED] told him them that he didn't know anything about them. As I said, he mentioned that he was subpoenaed for the trial, and he is going to be at the trial as the witness called by the government.

This is now Mr. Buffalino and [REDACTED] talking to each other; I can't hear [REDACTED] talking so I've typed what Mr. Buffalino says to [REDACTED]

I think that's about the entire ...

You say there's probably things that you've asked that are not too relevant, but that doesn't matter. The only thing is that I don't want to be, I don't and you don't want to be put in a position where-later on they may say, Bill Buffalina^^ you sat with [REDACTED] on such and such a day and you told him what to say.

The important thing is that you're in the clear, and I'm in the clear. It's important for yourself too because they would try to get you for purgery. They don't care who they get, they'd try to get you for purgery and try to get me for subornation of purgery. Purgery would be telling a lie, and me would be telling you to tell a lie. So therefore we'll have a permanent record, but this is to safeguard you to protect both of us because what we're trying to do is the right thing. We're here, we'll try, if and when the time comes, ... That's all, you give them the absolute truth. Okay Henry? It's a good idea that we have it down here so ... this is the entire jest of our conversation. b7c

Now [REDACTED] is speaking (they realized that [REDACTED] couldn't be heard on the tape):

There's nothing that was suggested to me, any statements that I made were what I recall from being asked before from government attorneys or such.

This statement was made and is being made on Saturday the 21st day of July 1962 at approximately 11:20 or 11:30.

Record 2 - This record is a telephone conversation between Bill Buffalino^^ and [REDACTED]

Hello.

Bill - this is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Yeah.

Bill, did when did you want to make arrangements to see me?

Well, I thought maybe this morning, and then [REDACTED] said that maybe we could have lunch, now, I'm so darned tied up I hate like heck to keep you waiting around, you know? I don't even know what my schedule is, [REDACTED]

Well that's the same with me, I'm busy too ...

Where are you working, [REDACTED]

Pardon?

Where do you work at?

I'm with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] maybe you can tell me know, what the heck, how long has it been, I want to jot down some notes, how long, when did you start with Sun Valley?

I believe it was in [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] - I'm not sure, I could check. Hold on a second...I did have some notes on when I started and the whole ball of wax, I believe it was in [REDACTED] I started right about a year after [REDACTED] was there.

A year after [REDACTED] Well, the thing is, I wanted me to get an outline of what the heck I am doing here, ...

It was [REDACTED] - I was with [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. Now, when you worked was it out at [REDACTED] or was it out at [REDACTED]?

It was out at [REDACTED]

Did you ever receive any text of Local 376?

Never.

Never did. You got Sun Valley checks?

b7c

That's correct.

Did you ever see Mr. Hoffa^^ out there [REDACTED]

Never.

Never did.

Who was supposed to be the boss there?

Did [REDACTED] ever tell you who the boss was?

[REDACTED] himself.

He told you that he was the boss?

That's correct.

Did you ever know anything about Hoffa ever being a boss around there?

No, it was only here-say.

But you don't know, of your own knowledge, you never knew that Hoffa had anything to do with that?

No, the only thing I knew is just here-say from the people in the organization there, but nothing direct, or nothing certain.

That was just probably Lauer saying ... Did [REDACTED] refer to Mr. Hoffa as the "Old Man"?

That's right.

What kind of a guy was [REDACTED]

A prick.

Well, that seems to be the general consensus. How did he treat you, [REDACTED]

Come-see-come-see. I never knew one way or the other. Sometimes he treated me alright, in one sense, but I think it was strictly business, we didn't have too much in common.

What I'm trying to do, [REDACTED] is try to , this way we won't have to spend a lot of time because it'll take us weeks before you find time, or I find time to get together and if you just give me this kind of information, it will help me out to find out where the heck I'm at. [REDACTED] did you go to a grand jury in Washington, or Orlando?

Yes I did.

Where?

In Washington.

How about Orlando?

No, I never went to Orlando, on trial or anything, I was never subpoenaed for Orlando.

Did you ever get subpoenaed to be a witness in the case?

Yes.

When, [REDACTED]:

Now, you never saw Hoffa there? Did you ever meet Hoffa ever in your life?

Yes sir, I've met him, I know the man.

Where did you meet him, [REDACTED]

At the Teamsters.

With reference to business in Sun Valley or just at a Teamsters meeting?

To make, Oh, I was told that he was the man to see in the event that I were, when [REDACTED] had let us go with the pretense that everything was sold, well, we were told by [REDACTED] and by someone else there at Sun Valley that we would get more done if we went directly to the "Old Man", which was Jimmy Hoffa. And I also was told by [REDACTED] the bank man, [REDACTED] told me that he was the man to see. In fact I had an appointment with [REDACTED] and had dinner with him in a restaurant one time and the day that I went to see Hoffa, he told me that that was the guy to go see if I'm having trouble with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told you that?

That's right.

And then did you see Mr. Hoffa?

I saw Mr. Hoffa twice, I'd seen him that day and then I had an appointment with him the previous day.

Well did you talk to him both times?

Yes, I talked to him and I talked to [REDACTED] both times.

What did they have to say, first of all [REDACTED] and then Hoffa.

[REDACTED] told me that they didn't have anything to do with the project other than they had purchased it and sold it to Sun Valley and [REDACTED] was fully responsible for the whole operation. And that there was nothing that they could do or say that had anything to do with Sun Valley - other than that they own property there themselves, as individual buyers.

Didn't Hoffa tell you the same thing?

Yes sir.

Alright, Hoffa told you, the way I understand it, that [REDACTED] is fully responsible for anything that they do there and all they do is own a couple of lots out there.

That's correct.

In other words, they bought property out there like everybody else bought property.

That's correct.

In other words, if anybody is taking a hosing, they'd be in the same position. If they were to lose, if anybody were to lose anything as a result of it they'd find themselves in the same position as the other individuals that they are lot buyers. Did [REDACTED] have anything else to say about it? Did Jim tell you that I own Sun Valley or anything like that?

No. He didn't tell me that he owned it he told me that it was entirely out of his hands and the man that's responsible for everything was Lauer.

Well, I really appreciate this buddy, because what they've been trying to do is make it look like [REDACTED] owned the whole thing-lock, stock and barrel, and that's just not so.

As I say, Bill, my knowledge was all here-say according to what someone asks Jimmy Hoffa owned it and he was responsible for it and as far as I know, and I did know at the time, the Teamsters owned it to start with and it was sold to Sun Valley, Inc. and I was under that impression the whole time I was there. And I had no knowledge, no direct contact with Jimmy Hoffa pertaining to Sun Valley after I had been employed there, other than finding out what the rumors were about him owning it.

Now other than rumors, when you directly spoke to Hoffa, Hoffa said that he had nothing to do with it, right?

That's correct. Other than owning the property at one time and



selling it to Sun Valley, Inc. and still owning lots there that he was paying for.

Well they never owned it originally, I don't know where you would get that. The property, was bought for your own information, was bought originally and that would be here-say because somebody else is telling you; but it was bought originally by [REDACTED]

Well, that's like them saying Bill, I at the time, he had said that they had bought it as a Teamsters \*\*\*\*, as a Teamsters Retirement Haven.

It was going to be used as a retirement haven, something like that, I don't remember too much about it myself. I had remembered that it was going to be used as a retirement haven and [REDACTED], even at one of my local union meetings came and discussed the whole thing. That was in 1955, but you came in '57 was it again?

No, I came in '55.

'55. Tony talked to my local union at that time, and at that time the way I understood it, it was Sun Valley project and it was bought by Henry Lauer, but the Teamsters were going to try to make it a teamsters city.

That's correct. That's what I was told and my knowledge the Teamsters originally had purchased the property for the teamsters themselves and [REDACTED] in turn bought it from the teamsters being that the teamsters didn't accept the project.

Now, what about, the only times that you talked to Hoffa and [REDACTED] were on two different days, each one or both of them told you that they had nothing to do with that property and other than own some lots there. And that [REDACTED] was fully responsible.

They knew, that at one time they were interested in the property for the teamsters for the benefit of the teamsters. And that at that particular time they had nothing to do with it because it was entirely in [REDACTED] hands. And that [REDACTED] was fully responsible for all activity at Sun Valley and anything that pertained to Sun Valley.

Very good [REDACTED] where can I ever call you if I have to call you myself?

You can get ahold of me here at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] what's that phone number, [REDACTED]

What's your home phone number, I won't use it, but I'll put it down

in my notes.

[REDACTED]

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b7c

Alright [REDACTED], I certainly appreciate that.

Alright Bill, and anytime that you want to talk, ....

Alright, this helped me out because this saves us from getting together, and if later on I have to get in touch with you, I will. The only thing is if anybody ever asks you did you and I discuss this, say yes, just tell them what we discussed.

I know it Bill, I have nothing to hide. In fact I didn't make a thing on the deal, so as far as I'm concerned, its done nothing but give me grief.

Just tell them the truth, if ever they ask you anything. If you remember, then you tell them. So, if anybody asks you, don't say that we didn't talk, because then they try to make something out of it. If they ask, just say yes, I talked to Bill Buffalino^^ on the 21st of July 1962 around 12:00 noon we talked on the phone, tell them the whole thing.

I will.

Okay buddy.

Okay then Bill.

Thanks alot.

Bye.

Bye..

Record 3 - Bill Buffalino

This is a statement that I'm making on the 21st of July, 1962 at 12:15 p.m.

This statement is with reference to [REDACTED], and address is [REDACTED], Michigan. Home phone number is: [REDACTED]. I've discussed Sun Valley with [REDACTED] and his relationship with Sun Valley in connection with the Teamsters Local Number 376. [REDACTED] came to work with Sun Valley in the early part of [REDACTED]. He had received some checks from Local 376, when he was working for, organizing automobile salesman and garage workers for [REDACTED] who was the president of Local 376. [REDACTED] also informs me that [REDACTED] indicated to him and told him personally that he was the owner of Sun Valley - "Lock, stock and barrel." Now, he also indicated and told Tony [REDACTED] that Hoffa^ had nothing at all to do with it, those rumors are just phony. One time [REDACTED] told him well there are some rumors about it and I'd like to know what to tell the people that ask me and [REDACTED] said to him, you just tell them Hoffa has absolutely nothing to do with it, and it's mine!

He also said: [REDACTED] "I'm [REDACTED] of Sun Valley and I sign that way, and it's mine. When I borrow money, it's in my name, and it's for me." When I first went to work for him as an organizer, he told me this organizing is for the birds, he said so far as I'm concerned I've got something better for you.

Then he explained that he was going to go to Florida, he made arrangements to take him to Florida with him and he took [REDACTED] to see the property, then when he took him there, [REDACTED] says, "what is this?" And as they were looking at the property [REDACTED] said, "I own all of this, can you visualize homes here and a shopping center here, boulevard over here, a lake over here, a canal going through over here." And [REDACTED] says it'll all be wonderful. And [REDACTED] says to him, "That's exactly what I'm going to do, this is my property and so far as I'm concerned you can work with me in connection with this project." First he said, we're first going to sell the property, then later on we'll build the homes and later on we can build some homes down here for ourselves. [REDACTED] also advises me that he never did have anything to do with Mr. Hoffa in connection with this project or any of his business relating to his work with Sun Valley. He also advises me that the only thing that he does, and he knew is only through here-say, that Mr. Hoffa bought a few lots there. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] make out a few receipts here because he had to make out a few receipts for Mr. Hoffa's lots in fact and later on [REDACTED] filled in the numbers of the lots. Tony Pernicano also advises me that Mr. Hoffa was never out at the offices of Sun Valley and never had anything to do with the operation, supervision of it and he never saw him there, never saw him anywhere in connection with Sun Valley. And when he asked Mr. Lauer personally, that there had been a few rumors and he'd like to

know what to say, or how to answer to them, did somebody indicated that maybe Mr. Hoffa had something to do with the property because they heard it on the McClellan committee, when it was in the newspapers when he asked [REDACTED] told him there's absolutely no truth at all to it and in fact, it's my own and so far as anybody's concerned you can let them know that it belongs to me. It does belong to me and its mine.

[REDACTED] says that he was listed as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] or something like that, I'm not sure, he says. Now he also says that when he discussed the Igloos in the [REDACTED] Associates that the McClellan committee had indicated that he had borrowed money from Sun Valley for [REDACTED] and discussing this with [REDACTED] says Sun Valley belongs to me, so I can borrow money from myself, that's all I was doing! There's absolutely nothing wrong with it, because when I borrowed money for [REDACTED] from Sun Valley, I'm actually borrowing my money from myself! In fact he indicated that he was building these ice cream parlors, or Igloo's or whatever he was referring to them as being for his children. What he was trying to do was get some security for his children, and he was going to let Sun Valley do it for him, because Sun Valley belonging to him and his children would be able to have a couple ice cream parlors each. [REDACTED] knows that, and [REDACTED] told him that Hoffa had absolutely nothing to do with Sun Valley, did not own it, did not have anything to do with its operation or management and any questions he had concerning them he, Henry Lauer would give them the answers. b7c

[REDACTED] says that [REDACTED] signed his paychecks, [REDACTED] gave the instructions, as of what to do and supervised him and [REDACTED] worked for [REDACTED]. And didn't take orders from anyone else.

This statement is made on the 21st of July, 1962 at about 12:15 p.m.

Record 4 - Bill Buffalino

I met with [REDACTED], employee of the public bank this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

I asked him to have [REDACTED] get in touch with me. He told me that [REDACTED] works at [REDACTED] and near his home and he will get in touch with [REDACTED] and have him give me a call. He also told me he would get in touch with [REDACTED], who presently lives at [REDACTED]. At present he is also staying over with a daughter who lives at [REDACTED]. He told me that he went to the Grand Jury in Washington, DC and also in the first Orlando Grand Jury. Incidentally, Anthony Pernicano^^ went to the Washington, Grand Jury and the first Orlando Grand Jury; neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] went to the Second Grand Jury.

He [REDACTED] told me that he started with Sun Valley in [REDACTED] he worked on [REDACTED] and he never did work at [REDACTED]. He was there as [REDACTED]. And about 6-8 weeks, he received his pay from Local 376, Sun Valley was in the process of changing over from [REDACTED] which address [REDACTED] originally used over to the [REDACTED] address, and they were in the transition period. [REDACTED] at all times was the boss. He mentioned, [REDACTED] tells me that [REDACTED] made it very clear that he was the boss, and that Hoffa^^ never had anything at all to do with it. [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] on several occasions that he owned Sun Valley and at times he discussed Sun Valley in connection with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] says that Mr. Hoffa^^ never had anything at all to do with it and with Sun Valley. And that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]. Hoffa was never in the Sun Valley Offices, he never gave anybody any orders, never called, and [REDACTED] never understood that Hoffa ever had anything at all to do with it. b7c

Seeing that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of Sun Valley, [REDACTED] answered thousands and thousands of phone calls and never talked with Mr. Hoffa, and neither does he ever know that Mr. Hoffa talked with [REDACTED] at that telephone because he would have been in the position to have heard him. Now, he was investigated or interrogated several times. One instance showed him some letters regarding a letter he wrote, he wrote many letters to heads of local unions, for example, [REDACTED], and others. Now, he did not know who the people he was writing to, he said that he was writing them because [REDACTED] told him to write them. One letter he said, they brought it up and they attached quite a bit of importance to it, this was apparently a letter from James R. Hoffa which instructs [REDACTED] to refund money on lots, plus 4% interest, or plus an interest rate, if they wanted to turn him in. And they wanted to know why the letter would be written, and why Mr. Hoffa would be telling him how to handle the matter if he were not the boss of Sun Valley. And answer to that [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] did not want to give refunds after the McClellan Committee and so forth was publicized in the newspapers and he felt that he thinks that maybe some members went over to Mr. Hoffa and with reference to that, a

request was made and Mr. Hoffa told them it would be alright. And that this should be the way to handle it, it would have been satisfactory with the union.

Then furthermore there was another letter, with reference to an individual who bought a lot on block 1; that was sold by Dave [redacted] and [redacted] says we got a letter from some outfit like the Florida Road Commission or some other outfit similarly named and that they were going to widen the highway 50 feet. 25 on the east side and 25 on the west side of Highway 50. Now, and as a result of that, [redacted] wrote a letter to this individual saying that since they're going to widen it on both sides, it would be necessary for him to trade the lot. [redacted] showed the letter from the Florida Road Commission to [redacted]. Then now, it does not seem to be in existence. There's quite a bit of correspondence between [redacted] and this other individual. And the individual seemed very reluctant to sell it. Eventually he did sell it and got about twice the amount of his money for it. [redacted] gave him a check for that. Now, it appears that they cannot find the letter from the Florida Commission and they claim that this is some kind of a fraud. He told him that there is a letter, and if they checked with the Florida Authorities, they will find the letter, because he would not have written a letter like that to the individual unless he did see it. And he knows and he has a vivid recollection of having seen the letter from the Florida Road Commission, or some other similarly named Commission. Then again he also mentioned that he asked them how they thought they could tie McCarthy^^ in with any time of any wrong-doing. And the answer to that was that he was there when the loan was consummated originally and since a loan was not used for the originally intended purpose, the first purpose intended that therefore makes McCarthy part of the fraud. b7c

[redacted] said that he would discuss the matter further at anytime in the future, just call on him.

This statement is made on the 21st day of July, 1962 at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Record 1 - This is an interview between [REDACTED]  
Washington, DC and [REDACTED] of Nashville, TN. This  
interview took place on Thurs. Feb. 4, 1965 in the offices of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; Stahlman Building in Nashville, TN. The interview  
commenced at 11:40 am. Those present, in addition to [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED], were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] where do you live?

I live [REDACTED]. Nashville, TN.

And how old are you [REDACTED]?

I'm [REDACTED]

And how long have you lived in Nashville?

I've been in Nashville since [REDACTED]

Where are you employed?

I'm working \*\*\* at [REDACTED]

Now, [REDACTED] this is strictly an informal conference. What we're  
trying to do is ascertain some facts in connection with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] problem which may incidently, in fact Mr. Hoffa's  
problem, in Chattanooga, TN. Now we're interested in only in  
getting the absolute truth. Now you're not under any oath this  
time, as you understand, but we want you to talk freely with us, if  
you feel that you can't talk freely with us on a certain any  
matter, that you think we may be intruding on your privacy, you  
just say so, and we will not discuss the matter any further.  
However, we're not interested in any private problems that you may  
have, so we will not ask you about those. We want to and will  
conform strictly to how we may properly do as lawyers, or as I may  
properly do as a lawyer; and we're not interested in hurting any  
particular individual, we're not interested in helping any  
individual at the expense of telling the truth. All we want is the  
simple statement of facts, and I'm going to talk to you just like  
we were in our own living room and talking man-to-man and there's  
not going to be any over-reaching or any tricky questions or  
anything of that nature. So we want you to feel free to speak  
exactly as you would speak to me if we were in our living room or  
over in the bar having a beer together. That's all this is. [REDACTED]  
when we were having a cup of coffee this morning, you mentioned to  
me that [REDACTED] had been away - do you recall that?

Yes, he just came back.

And when I say [REDACTED] - were talking about [REDACTED] Now you  
know [REDACTED], do you?

Yes I've known him for [REDACTED] years.

And that is the same [REDACTED] who was a government witness in the case against [REDACTED] Is that right?

Yes, that's right.

Now tell me something about your relationship with [REDACTED], when did you first meet him?

I met [REDACTED] right after I came back from [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]

Had you lived in Nashville, originally?

Yes sir, [REDACTED]

You were born here?

[REDACTED]  
How long did you live here before you went to [REDACTED]

I've lived here [REDACTED]

How old were you when you went to [REDACTED]

Well, lets see, I went there in [REDACTED], and stayed til [REDACTED]

What year were you born?

[REDACTED]  
Now when did you first meet [REDACTED]

You mean after I came back to Nashville.

No, I want to know when you first knew him.

When I first met [REDACTED] I don't know exactly, it must have been around [REDACTED]

Well you were only about [REDACTED] years old, is that right?

Yes sir.

Did you go to the same school together?

I'm not sure, whether [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED], or not ... but I did. He's about [REDACTED] years older than I am.

Now, did you live near each other?

Yes sir, we were raised in practically the same neighborhood. In [REDACTED]



Where did you live at the time?

At that time I lived in \*\*\* [REDACTED]

Where?

In \*\*\* [REDACTED]

How do you spell that?

[REDACTED]  
And where did he live?

He lived down on [REDACTED]

And how far is that from where you lived?

Oh, about 6 blocks.

And do you recall the circumstance under what you met, or whether you were in the same crowd together or went to the same tavern, or whatever?

No sir, at that time, we were [REDACTED], and a couple years after that I went to the Army. I talked about it off and on \*\*\* and I went to the Army, and came out; and [REDACTED] was in the Army, he went in the Army right after that, and I didn't see him anymore until he ran for [REDACTED] let me see when that was, in believe in '56 - '57. I didn't see him for a long time after that. Then I helped him [REDACTED] and I knew a lot of people in [REDACTED] Nashville, and I told [REDACTED] that I'd help him in any way I could, in [REDACTED] Then I saw him off and on maybe once or twice a year until I came back this last time. In [REDACTED]

Now when did you go in the army?

In [REDACTED]

And you were then [REDACTED] years old. Now, from the time that you first met him until the time that you went into the army, were you friendly with him in the sense that you chummed around together?

Oh yeah. We drank coffee, and drank beer together at different places. I've known his wife ever since when they got married. Know all of his kids, his sisters.

Now let's take that period between around [REDACTED] about the time that you went into the army, you were then between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] years old, is that right, or in that period? Then [REDACTED] would have been about what? [REDACTED] during that three year period. Now during that period, would you say that you were close, personal friends,

in the sense that you'd see each other 2-3 times a week, or would you say that you were just casual friends where you might see each other once a month.

I'd say casual friend. We'd see each other something like that.

And during that period up until [REDACTED] did you ever double-date together or ...

No sir, he was several years older and we'd talk and everything. We were good friends.

Now you mentioned that you went into the army in [REDACTED], how long did you remain in the army?

I was only there [REDACTED] year, came back in [REDACTED]

Where were you stationed?

I was stationed in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and \*\*\*\*\* in [REDACTED]

Now, when did [REDACTED] go in the army? Do you recall, did he go in after you came out?

No sir. He was in before I was in. He went in, I think in [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and came out about [REDACTED] b7c

So he was already out of the army when you first started to go out with him, is that right? Now when you came back in [REDACTED] did you resume your acquaintanceship with [REDACTED]

Yes, sir, I saw him off and on. I didn't see him all real often but I saw him once or twice a month - something like that.

When you came back from the army did you still go to live in Voscovel Heights?

Yes I did, and then about a year later my family moved to [REDACTED]

After you came out of the army, did [REDACTED] still live in the house that he lived in before?

I don't really know.

In the interim, had [REDACTED] married?

Yes sir.

When you came back from the army, [REDACTED] was married, is that it?

That's right.

That was [REDACTED], right?

Yes.

Where did [REDACTED] live when he was married, when you first knew him as a married man?

He lived on the corner of [REDACTED]

Was he already married when you came back?

Yes sir.

Did he live there when you came back?

When I came back, I don't know. He lived all around on [REDACTED] - All over [REDACTED], he moved several times, in and out. The next time I saw him or talked to him, he lived on the corner of [REDACTED]

Over how long a period of time did he live in that [REDACTED] area?

He must have lived around there about 7-8 years.

Was he still living there when you went to [REDACTED]

Yes sir he was living in that neighborhood.

I believe you said that was the [REDACTED], right when you went to [REDACTED]

So from [REDACTED] until [REDACTED] as well as you recall, [REDACTED] lived in that [REDACTED] area?

Yes.

Although not necessarily in the same house, is that right?

No sir, he moved quite a bit - he lived in [REDACTED] his own self.

Did he live in [REDACTED] before you went there in [REDACTED]

Yes sir.

Now, do you remember what period of time he lived in [REDACTED] What years.

I don't remember, but he told me that he was there for 2-3 years.

Now, during the period from [REDACTED] until [REDACTED] or let's take it immediately after you came out of the service, how frequently did you see [REDACTED] b7c

Sometimes I'd see him about twice a week, 3-4 times a week.

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After, between this time, I'd see him once or twice a week, sometimes 3-4 times a week, and then maybe again at other times, I wouldn't see him more than once a month, or once every three months. I just saw him off and on.

In the meantime, had you married?

Yes, sir, I got married in [REDACTED] Now, did this relationship continue seeing him as you have stated, from '48 to '59? During that entire period? b7c

When I was in Nashville, and when he was in Nashville, we always met with each other. I live in [REDACTED] a couple of years and then he was gone to [REDACTED] a couple of three years and we didn't see each other during this span of time, but when we were both in Nashville, we'd always seem to get together.

Now, let's cover that period from '48 when you came back from the service until he went to [REDACTED] I want to talk to you about your relationship there. Now did you visit each other's houses?

Yes sir.

Did your wife's, did you visit each others houses with your wife's and family?

Well, our families weren't as close as we were. I knew his wife, and he knew my wife, I knew his kids and he knew my kids but; we have been to his house, my wife and my family, and he's been to ours.

Would it be just a casual visit, or would it be for dinner or entertainment?

It would be just a casual visit, I think possibly we've had dinner at each other's house.

And did you visit each other at Christmas time or whatnot? For holidays?

Well, we have, yes.

Now, was the relationship such that you exchanged gifts or were close?

No, we were close at all times, but I don't think we ever exchanged any gifts. One reason, he's a [REDACTED] is a sort of funny man, he stays home most of the time, he doesn't go out too often. We used to go to his house once in a while, but he very seldom goes anyplace, he just stays at his house most of the time. b7c

During this period from '48, until when he left for [REDACTED] what did [REDACTED] do for a living?

Well, I don't really know. He's never really done a whole lot of any kind of work.

Was he ever employed for any great length of time in any one particular job?

Not that I know of.

During that period from '48 to '59 do you know of any jobs that he had?

He had [REDACTED] at one time on the corner of [REDACTED]. This was in between that time. Course in between this same period of time, he was in [REDACTED] for 2-3 years. I don't really know what kind of work he did.

Was he ever a member of any union that you know of?

Yes he helped organize a [REDACTED]

Was it a [REDACTED] that he had an interest in or was he employed by them? b7c

He was employed by the [REDACTED]

And do you remember what that [REDACTED] was?

A man that owns the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] \* owned it at this time. When he had labor troubles, he sold it was, he sold it to [REDACTED]

Do you know what [REDACTED] did for that man?

He ran a [REDACTED]

How long was he in that job, do you know?

About a year, from my understanding.

Did he actively participate in the union affairs, do you know?

He said he did, he told me that he helped organize it.

You don't know what the name of the union was do you?

Yes sir, it was the Teamsters Union - this local right here - 327.

Do you know whether he ever held any office in that union?

No sir, I don't know.

Other than those two things, the running of [REDACTED] and the working for the [REDACTED], do you know of any other employment that he had?

No sir, I think he used to work with [REDACTED]

Who is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was at this time owned the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED], now he's a [REDACTED] At that time, he had a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] on the corner of [REDACTED]

Do you know how long [REDACTED] worked with him? b7c

I think he worked off an on for [REDACTED] for 2-3 years. Not all at one time, but he worked for him a while and then quit and come back.

When you say that he had this [REDACTED], did he own the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did [REDACTED] own the drug store?

To my understanding he did. He got it through some kind of a deal when he was [REDACTED] He got a good deal on the lease, or something like that.

Now, was your relationship with [REDACTED] such that he confided to you, confided in you?

Yes sir, I think he did. He'd tell me just about anything that would happen.

Well did he ever discuss his problems with you?

Well, I don't know what you mean.

Well, lots of times a fellow has something in mind, worried about something, he talks to a friend about it. And says, "Joe here's what's on my mind, and I'm worried about it, what do you think I should do"?

Oh yeah, he would discuss things like that.

So you had an intimate relationship.

Yes, sir, I sold him a car one time - my old car. My Oldsmobile. And well, we'd talk about anything that would come up. I don't think there was ever anything that ever came up that he wouldn't talk to me about.

Now, when he decided that he was going to [REDACTED] did he [REDACTED] talk that over with you? b7c

Yes sir.

Before he even did it?

Yes sir.

And did you advise him, say that you think it was a good idea or anything like that?

Yes. I thought he could win this race. And I talked to [REDACTED] and his office about [REDACTED] and he seemed to think [REDACTED] would win it.

Well, did you go out and [REDACTED]?

Yes sir I worked for him all the way up until [REDACTED] and then I worked at [REDACTED] for him that day.

What year was this? Was it before he went to [REDACTED] or after he came back?

I believe it was after he came back.

Did you ever act on [REDACTED] behalf, or try to help [REDACTED] in any other way other than this getting him [REDACTED] up until the time you went to [REDACTED]?

No sir.

How many children did [REDACTED] have when you left for [REDACTED]?

He had all three of the same kids he's got now. Three boys.

What are their names?

His oldest one is [REDACTED]

How old is he about?

He's about 17. And he's got [REDACTED] is his next oldest one - [REDACTED] about 14 or 15. And [REDACTED] is his baby he's about 12 years old.

What is [REDACTED]'s wife's name?

Did you call her [REDACTED], or [REDACTED] or what?

I call her [REDACTED]

Did you know her before she was married to [REDACTED]?

No sir, I didn't. She's from some small town outside of Nashville.



Do you have a family of your own [REDACTED]

Yes sir, I've got [REDACTED]

And how old are they?

They are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] years old.

So they are much younger than [REDACTED] And you're children, I assume are too young to play with [REDACTED] children?

Yes sir.

What is your wife's name, maiden name?

Her maiden name is [REDACTED]

Was your wife and [REDACTED] wife on first name terms? So they'd call each other [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Well, my wife now and [REDACTED] are good friends, and have been ever since they've met each other. Of course I'm married to my second wife. My first wife was [REDACTED], her maiden name.

Is your first wife the mother of your children?

She's the mother of three of them.

Now was your first wife, [REDACTED] on first name terms with [REDACTED]

Yes, sir they knew each other quite well.

And they called each other [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Yes.

Did they visit each other, do you know, other than when in the company of you and [REDACTED]

We all got together quite a bit.

This was the relationship with your first wife.

Yes sir.

Well, when you got together quite a bit, was it family entertainment, or family relationship, visiting each other's houses?

Yes.

Having drinks and gathering and whatnot?

Yes.

Did you play cards together?

We played cards together, yes. Drank coffee and sat around the house.

Now, when did you and your first wife separate?

Was it before you went to [REDACTED]?

Yes. In [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

You say in [REDACTED]?

Yes.

Then of course that family relationship between [REDACTED] and you on the one hand and [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED] on the other hand, I assume ended, is that right?

Yes sir.

But you maintained your relationship with [REDACTED] and his wife, is that right?

Yes sir.

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I understand it that your first marriage broke up in [REDACTED] when did you re-marry?

About 6 months after I got a divorce.

Was that before you went to [REDACTED]?

Yes.

Now, during the interim between your first marriage and when you re-married for the second time, did you and your present wife, [REDACTED], did you and [REDACTED] visit [REDACTED] home?

No sir not until we came back from Nashville this last time.

When you were going with [REDACTED] for the six months between your first divorce and your second marriage, did you yourself, visit [REDACTED]

Yes sir, I saw him a couple of times.

You went to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], and do you remember what month it was? What part of the year?

It was in the wintertime, about [REDACTED] I think.

You were married then?

Yes sir.

Why did you want to go to [REDACTED]?

Work was awfully slow right here, when I left and I had talked to some friends of mine that used to live in [REDACTED] and they said there was a lot of work up there. So I just went up there to take on a job.

Now, you didn't have a job when you went up there?

No sir.

During this period from this time that you came out of the service in [REDACTED], until [REDACTED] what was your occupation?

Well, I worked most of the time in the [REDACTED] industry in [REDACTED] I [REDACTED] here for a little over a year.

What [REDACTED] was that?

[REDACTED] I was gone from Nashville quite a bit during this period myself. I lived in [REDACTED] from '55 until '57 and then I went to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and came back in [REDACTED]

Well from 1948 until 1955 you pretty much remained in Nashville, right?

Yes sir.

Now, during that period, were you employed in the [REDACTED] industry?

Yes sir.

Are you a member of the union?

Yes sir, I belong to the Teamsters.

Which union is that?

What local you mean? 327.

In that capacity as a member of 327, did you work on [REDACTED] or in [REDACTED], or what?

I worked [REDACTED] and drove a [REDACTED]

And you worked for various companies during that time?

Yes. I worked for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Now was [REDACTED] working during that period at any time for the same company that you worked for?

No sir.

He was a member of the union at that time, is that correct?

Not at that time, he wasn't, I don't know when he joined. I don't know what year it was when he was associated with this [REDACTED]. That's when he was supposed to have joined this union out there.

As I understand, you went to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] is that right?

Yes.

And you stayed there until [REDACTED]?

Yes.

Now when you went to [REDACTED] did you keep in touch with [REDACTED] during that period?

I didn't keep in touch with him, but I saw him several times in between that period.

When you came back home here to Nashville?

Yes, when I came back, I'd see him.

How frequently would you come home to Nashville during that period?

Well I two years time I was probably home 6-7-8 times.

And you made it a point to see [REDACTED]

Yes sir, I'd either run into him someplace or he'd come by the house. If he heard I was home, he would drop by.

And then in [REDACTED] you went to [REDACTED], is that right?

Yes sir.

Where about in [REDACTED]

A small town called [REDACTED]

Now, when you were in [REDACTED] where did you work.

When I was in [REDACTED] I worked in a [REDACTED] I worked for [REDACTED] for a year, and I worked for [REDACTED] for a year. I got laid off from both jobs.

Was that a union shop you worked for?

The first wasn't a union shop, [REDACTED] was union.

Well, did you get the second job by virtue of your membership in the union?

No sir.

It was not a teamster shop?

No sir.

Now when you went to [REDACTED], in [REDACTED], who did you work for there?

I worked for a company that made [REDACTED]. I made the thing that you [REDACTED]

During that period were you in communication with [REDACTED]

No, sir not while I was out there.

To the point of sending Christmas cards or anything like that?

No, I didn't hear a word from him all the time I was out there.

When I came back, I ran into him.

Now when, after you left [REDACTED] where did you come?

I came back to Nashville. And I stayed til [REDACTED]

Now from [REDACTED] where did you live in Nashville?

I lived in [REDACTED]

Where did [REDACTED] live during that period?

I believed he lived on the corner of [REDACTED]

Still in that same area.

Yes.

When you came back from [REDACTED] in [REDACTED], what was [REDACTED] doing?

I don't know what he was doing. Almost all the time I saw [REDACTED] he was ... Oh, one thing he done was he [REDACTED] for 6-8 months. And I believe he had just quit that job or something happened and he wasn't with the [REDACTED] company anymore.

Well, from '58 to '59 did you see [REDACTED] frequently?

No, not too often, I saw him a couple of times that year.

Did [REDACTED] ever do private detective work, during that period?

No sir, not that I know of - he could have.

And you left here, in [REDACTED] is that right?

Yes sir.

And you went to [REDACTED]

Right.

How long did you stay there?

I stayed in [REDACTED] until I came back in [REDACTED]

What month in [REDACTED] did you come back?

In February.

During that period from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] while you were in Indianapolis, did you keep in touch with [REDACTED]

I didn't keep in touch with him, but I saw him several times off

and on all the time, I was up there.

Where did you see him?

In Nashville.

And you would see him when you came home?

Yes sir.

And when you came home did you contact him, or did he contact you?

Well, if he knew I was home, he'd come by; we'd usually run around the same neighborhood and we would always run into each other.

Did you go to the same taverns, or ...

Yes sir. He knew a lot of the people I knew and I'd see some people and they'd tell him I was home, he'd come by or they'd tell me that they saw him on the corner someplace and I'd drive by and see him.

Did you keep in telephonic communication?

While I was in [REDACTED] No sir.

When you were home here in [REDACTED] did you have a telephone in your house?

No sir, I didn't have a phone.

Did he have a telephone?

I think he did.

Now you came back here in [REDACTED] you say. Now, prior to the time which you came back in [REDACTED], I'm going back to 1947, do you know whether [REDACTED] ever drove a cab?

I don't believe he did - he may have. [REDACTED] was in the Hospital, in the [REDACTED], I guess 2 or 3 times and he was confined at one time I think for [REDACTED] I don't know what his illness was, or what was wrong with him.

Was that before you went to [REDACTED]

Yes.

What hospital was he in?

He was in the [REDACTED]

Where is that Hospital?

Well at that time it was out on White Bridge Road.

Did you go visit him there?

No, sir I didn't. I didn't even know he was in the hospital until he had already came out.

Is this the White Bridge Road Hospital have a psychiatric branch?

[REDACTED] speaking:

If this is Thayer General - it was called Thayer - it does have a psychiatric section.

[REDACTED] speaking:

[REDACTED] had a friend of his that lives in [REDACTED] and from my understanding this man that he knows that lives in [REDACTED] was in this psychiatric ward.

The man he knows from Cleveland, was in the psychiatric ward?

Yes sir, that's my understanding.

[REDACTED] speaking:

And that's where they got acquainted.

Yes.

[REDACTED] speaking:

And I know people that visited [REDACTED] while in the psychiatric ward, but that's not what [REDACTED] is talking about.

No.

We were now talking about Thayer Veteran's Hospital, now to clear one thing up in my mind, you referred to a [REDACTED] city and before that you were talking about [REDACTED], now when you were working in [REDACTED] were you working in Cleveland, Ohio or Cleveland, TN?

[REDACTED]. This boy that knows [REDACTED], lives in [REDACTED]

Alright, now, Do you know the name of the boy in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is his name.

Do you know what he does?

Yeah, he doesn't do anything. His family is dead and left him quite a bit of money and his family is fairly well off and he's been, from my understanding spent time in several hospitals in several different towns. He told me he was an alcoholic.

Have you ever personally met this man [REDACTED]



Yes sir.

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We were talking about this gentleman [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Now you say that you know this [REDACTED]

Yes sir, I've been to his house.

Now how did you come to know him?

Well since I've been back home this last time ...

How did you come to go to his house?

One day last summer, I don't know what month it was in, but [REDACTED] called me at home, called my mother's house, and he asked me if I wanted to go to Chattanooga, and I asked him what for, and he said that a friend of his was having some kind of trouble that somebody was trying to mistreat him or something and that he wanted some private investigator to come to [REDACTED] and find out what was happening to him - what was/who was causing him this trouble. And I asked him who it was and he said that a friend of his that he was in the hospital with and said that he had a lot of money and that he would pay us \$50.00 a day to check on his troubles whatever it was in [REDACTED] he didn't tell me at the time what it was. So he told us to come down there as soon as possible and get a plane out of Nashville, and fly down there. So we did, and we flew down, and this is when I met [REDACTED]

Now, you had never known him before; did [REDACTED] say how long he had known this man?

[REDACTED] said that he had met him when he was in the hospital.

In what Hospital?

He told me Veteran's Hospital.

Did he say what the man had been in the hospital for?

No sir, at that time, he didn't.

Did he at anytime tell you that? What he had been in the hospital for?

No, he told me it was because of his nerves.

That [REDACTED] was in because of his nerves.

Did [REDACTED] ever tell you how long that he had been in the hospital?

No sir, he didn't say for how long he had been in but he told me that this is where he met this [REDACTED] person.

Now did [REDACTED] tell you why he was in the hospital?

No, he never said.

And he didn't tell you for how long he was in the hospital?

No sir, he didn't.

Did he ever tell you whether he'd been in any other hospitals other than this Thayer Hospital?

He didn't tell me what they was, but he'd told me that he'd been in a hospital several times.

Did you want that for me to understand that he had been in the Thayer Hospital several times?

I didn't really know what hospital - he didn't say.

But you knew that he had been in the Thayer Hospital on one occasion, is that right?

Yes sir.

Now, we are at the point that you stated that you came back from [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and when you came back, where did you go to live?

I stayed at my mother's house.

Where is that?

[REDACTED]

Is that out in [REDACTED]

Yes. That's in [REDACTED]

Did [REDACTED] still live in the same neighborhood that he had lived in?

No, he moved to where he lives now.

And after you - where does he live now?

He lives on [REDACTED], I believe.

And how far is that from the home that you came to?

It's about a mile and a half.

When did you first see or hear from [REDACTED], after [REDACTED]

It was about the [REDACTED] I'd been home about a week and was trying to find a friend of mine that lived in the upper part of Voscovel Heights, and I was driving down the street, and

[redacted] and his wife and another woman passed me on the street. And when he saw me, he blew his horn at me, and I stopped and backed up, and he backed up and we just got to talking. He asked me what I was doing. And I told him that I just came back here from [redacted] and that I was thinking about going to [redacted] b7c

And did you agree to see each other again sometime?

Yes he asked me right then to come by his house then, and drink a cup of coffee.

Now, on that first meeting it was he who recognized you, is that it?

Yes sir, he blew his horn at me.

And you hadn't recognized him before the horn was blown?

No I didn't pay too much attention to it.

So it was he seeking you out, is that right? I mean if he hadn't blown his horn, you'd have kept going straight on, is that right?

Yes sir, I probably wouldn't have seen him.

What was it that he said to you, or you said to him to arrange for a further meeting?

We were talking and I asked him what he was doing and he said he was carrying his wife over to some church social activity and he asked me what I was doing, and I told him nothing and he said well, we're fixing to go back home and asked me if I'd like to come out for a cup of coffee. Before he said this, I told him that I'd heard about his part in the trial down here, and he said yeah, and asked me what I had been doing. And I told him I had been working, in [redacted] and that I'd just stopped over here - my Daddy just died about [redacted] before and I was going to stay with my mother for a couple of weeks before I went to [redacted]. And he said well, if you haven't got anything to do, why don't you come out to the house and we'll drink a cup of coffee - and we'll talk over old times. b7c

When you were in [redacted] were you working as a Teamster member?

Yes.

How come that you came back to Nashville?

Freight slow there - and there wasn't much work, and I got laid off and I was just going to make a change.

Did anybody tell you to come back to Nashville?

No sir. I just came back because I couldn't get any work.

Did anybody ever ask you prior to the time when [REDACTED] honked the horn, sometime in [REDACTED], did anyone ask you if you knew [REDACTED]

No sir. Nobody even knew that I knew [REDACTED]

Had you heard before you came back to Nashville in [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] participation in the [REDACTED] case?

Yes, I read it in the newspaper.

Did you recognize the name as [REDACTED], the [REDACTED] that you know?

Yes sir.

Was his picture in the paper?

No sir, it wasn't. But I knew [REDACTED] name, and of course I knew [REDACTED]'s name.

Did you ever tell anybody in [REDACTED] or any member of the union that you knew [REDACTED]

No sir.

Did anybody ask you whether you knew [REDACTED]

No sir.

Had [REDACTED] participation in [REDACTED] case ever been discussed with you by any person prior to [REDACTED], when you met [REDACTED] on the street in the automobile?

No. At that time, I wasn't sure it was the same [REDACTED] I thought it was, but as far as me knowing, I didn't know for sure.

We're at that point where you met, and I'm going to come back to that later - we'll pick that up when we come back this afternoon.

Okay - [REDACTED] we're not resuming the interview and it's now 1:15 p.m. Nashville time, I'm going to skip over the area between February of '64 until December of '64, and then I'll come back to that later. I'm directing your attention particularly to that early part of December 1964. Do you recall whether at that time, [REDACTED] went to Washington?

Yes sir. He went to Washington, I've got the dates exactly at home, I believe it was just before Christmas.

You don't have the dates with you would you get them please?

Yes sir.

[redacted] speaking:

He's got the dates at home but let me relate it to an incident that occurred. On behalf of Mr. Hoffa, you filed in [redacted] first, a motion and that took place - I first told you about it in November, and then long about the first of December, that that broke in the papers, and it was following that, [redacted] told you about a motion in Chattanooga, or something like that. So if you would relate it to that, you could pick up actual dates. b7c

In any event did [redacted] say anything to you early in December about some papers being filed in Chattanooga or Cincinnati?

Yes sir, he said that Hoffa's attorney's were going to file a motion for another hearing or some kind in Chattanooga.

And where did he tell you that, do you recall?

He told me that right in my house.

Did he come over to the house to tell you that?

Yes sir.

And what did he say, did he say what the nature of the paper was that was going to be filed, or had been filed?

No, he just said it was a motion for another hearing, he said that, well the reason that he told me this to start with was he said that the government wanted him to give an affidavit.

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Did he say whether he was involved in this motion at all?

Yes sir, he said he was going to be called to testify.

Did he say whether anything had been said about him in this thing?

No, he said he talked to Walter Sheridan^^ and that Sheridan had told him that he wanted to talk to him, because in this hearing, that he thought [REDACTED] would be a witness.

Did [REDACTED] say when he had called HIM, or did [REDACTED] say he called him or Sheridan called [REDACTED]

I don't know, he just said he talked to Sheridan.

Did he say whether he had talked to him on the phone?

On the phone.

Did [REDACTED] ask him to come to Washington?

No, from my understanding he asked [REDACTED] to come to Washington.

And did [REDACTED] say anything else about the paper or his conversation with Sheridan?

No, he said he wasn't going to sign an affidavit.

Did he say what kind of an affidavit Sheridan wanted him to sign?

At that time he didn't.

Did he tell you before he went up there that he was not going to sign any affidavit?

Yes, he did.

Did he tell you why he would not sign any affidavit?

He said the affidavits that they wanted him to sign were not true.

Was this before he went up?

This was before he went up.

Well, did he tell you, in what respects, the affidavit they wanted him to sign was untrue?

No, he didn't say what it contained.

Did he say anything before he went up about signing an affidavit?

No, I don't believe he did.

Now, did he say anything else about the conversation with Sheridan, on the phone?

No, he just said that Sheridan sounded urgent and they needed to talk to him in person and that he was going to be out of town for a few days.

Did he say how he was going to get to Washington?

No, he didn't say how he was going to, -- but before this in December, he had told me previous to that, that [REDACTED], that works for the Teamsters, had given him money before to go to Washington. And he also said that [REDACTED] had given him money, to make these trips with, and that of course the government gave him money to get back home on. That was the only thing he said about how he was going.

You mentioned [REDACTED]...

[REDACTED] he's a [REDACTED] - for 327.

And, did he say how many times [REDACTED] had given him money?

He said a couple of times.

Did he say how much money he had given him?

No, he didn't say.

Did he say how many times [REDACTED] had given him money?

No, he just said he had.

Did he say how much he was given?

No.

Now, did he tell you how he was going to get this money to get him to Washington?

He didn't tell me how he was going to get it but he met [REDACTED] two days before he left.

Were you with [REDACTED] at the time?

I carried him to a restaurant where he met [REDACTED]

You carried who to a restaurant?

[REDACTED] to a restaurant on Galveston Road where he met [REDACTED]. And he told me that I couldn't stay because the party, he



never did tell me who it was that he was meeting, he said that if this party knows you and sees you, he won't even talk to me. And he said you know him but I can't tell you who he is, because he told me not to. So I let him out at the restaurant, and I went home, and I just got curious as to who it was, and I came right back to a restaurant right across the street where he met [REDACTED]

What was the name of the restaurant in which he met [REDACTED]

It's Ford's Drive-In. b7c

What was the name of the restaurant that you went back to? -- Will you make a note to get a hold of that? Now, did you keep notes of all these meetings you had with [REDACTED] what you observed, etc.?

I kept quite a few of them.

Do you still have those? Could you let us see those, so we could make copies of those?

Yes.

Now, how come that you drove him out to this restaurant?

Well, his car was broke down.

I see, was it in the garage at the time, do you know?

It was at a filling station.

What filling station?

It's a Pure Oil Station out on Gallatin Road.

Do you know what hundred block of Gallatin Road?

I don't know what hundred block, but I know where the station is. As a matter of fact, his car is still out there.

It's still sitting out there?

He has bought another car since then.

I see. And it was because his car was broken down that he asked you to drive to this Ford's Drive In. When he asked you to do that, where were you?

I was at home.

Did he come to your house?

He called me and asked me if I'd take him.

You have a telephone at your house?

Yes.

What time of the day was that?

It was about 10:00 in the morning, when he called.

And did you pick him up?

Yes. I went to his house and got him.

And then you went to Ford's Drive In. You let him off on the corner, you say.

I let him off -- well, I let him off right in front of the place because it was about 30 minutes before the time for him to meet this party.

I see. Alright, then you drove to your home, is that right? What arrangements had been made for [REDACTED] to get back to his place? b7C

I was supposed to pick him up and take him back.

Did he tell you what time to pick him up?

He told me in about an hour.

Alright, you drove home and then you drove back to the station, is that right?

Right, I drove back to the restaurant across the street.

Alright, how far is the restaurant, Ford's Drive In, from your home?

It's about a mile.

Now, when you drove back there, had [REDACTED] left the Ford Drive In? b7C

No, sir, he was still inside.

And you're in the restaurant across the street, were you watching?

Yes, sir I was watching for him to come out.

And did you see him come out?

Yes sir.

And who came out with him, if anyone?

[REDACTED] They stood outside, about 10-15 minutes talking, and at the time, I didn't ... Wingo had his back to me, before they left, of course he turned around and I could see who he was. And just to be sure, I took his license number down off of his car.

Did [REDACTED] drive up in his car, while you were there?

No, when I was going home and came back, he had pulled in, he had come in.

Now, did you take the license number of [REDACTED] car?

Yes.

What kind of a car did he have?

A '64 Ford.

b7c

Do you have that license number?

Yes.

Do you have that at home also.

Yes sir. I called the county court clerk's office to find out who the car belonged to, by the license number. And they told me it was registered to the Teamsters Local 327.

And, not specifically to [REDACTED] right?

Not specifically to [REDACTED] but I went out to the Union Office, this evening to pay my dues and also to find out who's car this was. And this was [REDACTED] car.

When did you find this out?

The same day, that evening.

Now, when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came out of the restaurant, you say they talked together for about 10-15 minutes?

Yes sir.

And, did you see [REDACTED] and anything to [REDACTED]

No sir. And I know at the time [REDACTED] was broke, he didn't have a nickel.

How do you know that?

Well, I lent him enough money to buy a pack of cigarettes. The same day that he met [REDACTED]

Was that on the way to the Ford Drive In?

Yes, it was on the way over there.

Did he ask you for the money?

Yes. I'd loaned him money several times.

Well, on that day, how much did you loan him?

Just some change, he said he needed some change to get a pack of cigarettes and drink some coffee until he met this party, that he was going to meet.

Now, after you saw them, in front of the restaurant, did [REDACTED] leave first or did [REDACTED] leave first?

[REDACTED] left first. When he left [REDACTED] they just talked, like I said, outside of the place for at least 10 minutes, [REDACTED] got in his car and backed out toward town and [REDACTED] came right straight across the street to where I was at.

Had you told [REDACTED] where you'd wait for him?

No sir. I told him I'd be at home and for him to call me at home and I'd pick him up. But he saw me when I came back to this restaurant.

While he was in Ford's, he'd seen you go into the other restaurant?

Yes.

Did he tell you that?

Yes sir.

Alright, now when [REDACTED] rejoined you, after [REDACTED] left, what if anything did [REDACTED] say?

He said that he had to go to town to see somebody.

Did he say who?

No sir.

Did he give you the money back, that he'd borrowed from you.

No sir.

Did he say what the conversation was that he had with [REDACTED]

He said ... he still didn't know that I knew who this was. He asked me did I know the man. And I told him "no", because I didn't want him to know that I did know who the man was. He said well you should know him, said, but I promised him I wouldn't tell anybody who it was that I was meeting, and I can't tell you who the man is. He said but you've seen him several times. And I said well, I saw his face, and saw him, but I couldn't really tell you who the man is.

Did [redacted] say anything to you that happened between him and [redacted]

No sir, he said that about a couple of days after this, just before he left, he told me then, well, before he left I told him that I found out who his friend was, that he met. I said, "it's [redacted]," and he said "yeah". And I said, "what in the world are you doing meeting [redacted]? and he said, "well [redacted] was giving me money several times to go to Washington on, well a couple of times, and he said I just had to talk to him"; and he never said what it was about.

Did he say whether he had given him money to go to Washington?

No.

Alright, now after [redacted] left, did [redacted] get in your car again? b7c

Yes sir, I carried him home.

You carried him to his home. Well, hadn't he said to you he had to see somebody downtown?

Yes sir.

Did he say who that was?

No sir. He said he was going to borrow his sister's car and go see that person, whoever it was. And I carried him home, and when I got him home, he asked me would I carry him to pick up his sister's car. And I told him I would, she lived in the [redacted] of [redacted]

How far is that from where his home was?

Oh, it's a pretty good ways, its 4-5 miles.

You did carry him there?

Yes. I brought him to his sister's house, and he picked up her car, a '53 Chevrolet, and I left and went back home.

Now, do you recall what date this was, in relation to the time when he left for Washington?

It was two days before.

Record 6 - [REDACTED] - February 4, 1965

Now from the time that you left him at his sister's house, until when he went to Washington, the first time early in December, did you see [REDACTED]

No sir.

Do you know, when was the next time that you saw him?

The day that he got back.

And how many days had he been away?

He was gone from Thursday til Monday.

And when he came back, did you see him?

Yes he called me as soon as he got back into town.

And did he talk to you on the phone about his trip?

He said he wanted to talk to me in person.

And did you meet him?

Yes sir, I went over to his house.

And was there anyone else present there?

His wife.

Was she there all the time you talked to him?

Yes sir.

What did he tell you?

He told me that while he was in Washington, that him and Walter Sheridan^^ got into a big argument. He said that Walter Sheridan and two other lawyers had met him ... First of all he said that the night he got in there that Walter Sheridan gave him \$3,000.00. In a white envelope. He said that they'd talked and had a few drinks, at Sheridan's house and that Sheridan carried him back to a motel that he was staying in, in Bethesda, MD. And he said that when he got to the motel, it was kind of late at night, at 11:00, p.m., and that he had this \$3,000.00 on him and he didn't want to keep it on his person that night, so he called downstairs to the desk and asked them was it too late to put valuables in the safe and they told him, "no." He said he took the \$3,000.00 downstairs and deposited it until the next morning. He said the next morning he went back downstairs and picked up his money. He and Walter Sheridan had set a time and place for meeting the next day. Walter

Sheridan came out and picked him up, and they went to Washington, downtown Washington and they met in these two lawyer's office and he said that this was when they asked him to sign the affidavits. And he said that the affidavit was not true and that he refused to sign it. And he said that when he refused to sign it, that Sheridan asked him could he talk to these two lawyers, for a few minutes, and he waited in the hall office and he said that in a few minutes Sheridan came back and he told him that he had to have this \$3,000.00 back. Said that these attorneys have told me that I've made a mistake and its against the law for me to give you money, and you're going to have to give it back to me. And he said that he gave him his \$3,000.00 back.

Did he say anything else about that trip?

Other than him and Walter Sheridan having a bad argument, he said that he told Sheridan that what he was asking [redacted] to do, was worse than anything that Hoffa or [redacted] had ever done. b7c

Do you have notes of this conversation?

Not of this, other than what he told me.

Do you have notes of what he told you?

No, I didn't write it down.

Now, when he told you that he went to Washington, did he give you the name of the motel that he was staying at?

Yes sir. It was the Governor's House.

Did he say how he went to Washington?

Yes sir, he said that he went up on a train.

Did he say how he came to pick out the Governor's House?

He said that Walter Sheridan lived in Bethesda, MD and the Governor's House is in Bethesda.

Well, did Walter Sheridan tell him to go to the Governor's House?

He told me that Walter Sheridan's wife had rented him, had gotten him the room in the Governor's House.

Was that before he left?

No sir, it was after he left, but before he got up there. They were to make some arrangements for him to stay.

Well, when he got there, on the train, did he say what train he left on?



No sir. He got a cab, he said and went to the Governor's House.

Well, when he got to the station, did he say whether he, ... how did he know he had a reservation at the Governor's House, did he say?

Yes, he called Walter Sheridan's house. Walter Sheridan at the time was in New York, and he talked to Mrs. Sheridan and she told [REDACTED] that Walter was on his way in. And that he had told her to make some kind of arrangements for [REDACTED] to stay. b7c

She told him that she had made arrangements at the Governor's House?

Yes.

Did he say what time he got in, do you know?

No sir, he didn't say.

Now, did he say whether he went directly to the Governor's House, or to the Sheridan's?

No, he went to, ... well, he didn't go to the Governor's House or Sheridan's house, because Mrs. Sheridan told him that Walter was on his way in from New York on a flight, and he was supposed to be in almost at this time, and she asked [REDACTED] would he go to the airport and meet Sheridan, and he said he would. When he said he didn't have much money, she said, get a cab and go out to the airport - and that's where he met Sheridan, at the airport.

And where did he go from there?

They went from there to Sheridan's house.

Did he give you the address to Sheridan's house?

No sir, he didn't.

Did he say anything as to what Sheridan had told him, when he first met him? Did he say what the conversation was?

He just said that Sheridan wanted him to meet with him and these two lawyers the next day.

Did Sheridan take him to his house, directly from the airport?

Yes sir.

At what point did Sheridan give him the \$3,000.00, did he say?

He told me that they went into the house, and that Sheridan asked him if he wanted a drink, and he told him yes, and that they had a

couple of drinks, and he said that he got up and he asked Sheridan where the bathroom was, and he told him, and he said he went to the bathroom, and when he was coming out of the bathroom, that Sheridan was coming in and handed him a white envelope, and said it had a rubber band around it, he said he didn't say a word (Sheridan), just handed him the envelope. And Sheridan went on into the bathroom as he was on his way out. And he said when he handed him the envelope, he took the rubber band off of it and opened it, and it was 30 - \$100.00 bills.

Did he say whether or not he had talked to Sheridan about the money?

He said at that time, they didn't discuss it at all.

[redacted] speaking:

May I put in here [redacted] was present during several conversations where he would hear [redacted] saying in a telephone conversation as [redacted] would talk with Sheridan, - off and on during the summer, I guess [redacted] had heard [redacted] talking to Sheridan a dozen times, or more! And [redacted] had been (insisting??) Sheridan that something had to be done for him.

[redacted] He had told him that I've got to have money from someplace; he told Sheridan that his family was ... he didn't have food for his family, he hadn't been able to buy his kids any clothes and he also made a statement that Sheridan had promised him money and that he wanted it. And all this time, Sheridan had kept telling him that he couldn't do it right now.

[redacted] Anyway, there was no conversation at that time about the \$3,000.00, when he gave it to him, that you know of.

No.

Now, did he say how long that he stayed with Sheridan that night?

Well, he didn't say how long, but he said it was about 11:00 p.m. when he got back to the motel, and the best that I can remember, he met Sheridan around 6:00 - so it must have been about 5 hours.

Did he say whether he had dinner with Sheridan's?

He said they asked him to have dinner, but he said he didn't. He only had a few drinks.

After he went back to the motel, you say somewhere around 11:00 p.m., and he called downstairs to see if the safe was still open, the man said it was, now, what if anything did he say he did then?

He told me that he went downstairs as soon as he talked, it was a young boy, at this time and he said he went down to the desk, said

he had the money in his hand, the \$3,000.00, and said he just laid it up on the counter.

The \$3,000.00? Was it in an envelope then?

No, it was all in cash money. He had the rubber band around it, he said. And he said he laid the money up on the counter and told the employee that he wanted to check this in, put it in the safe. He said the boy gave him an envelope, put the money in the envelope and asked him to sign his name on it. And tore off a top slip off the top of the same envelope, that had this matching number, and gave it to him and this was what he was to sign and give back to the man when he came to pick up his money.

Did the man put it in the safe?

█████ says he doesn't know what happened that night, he said there was a misunderstanding.

He didn't see him put it in the safe?

No sir.

Well, what was the next thing that happened with respect to the money?

Well, the next thing that happened about the money, was the next morning, █████ went down to pick it up and a woman was on duty at this time, a Mrs. Wilson^^ was her name, and ...

Before you get to that, did he know the name of the boy, that he had given the money to?

I don't know if he did, he didn't say. I didn't find out this woman's name until he and I went back to Washington. This Mrs. Wilson told him that she didn't know anything about it, she couldn't find any record on him putting anything in this safe, and he said that he showed her the slip, and she told █████ that she would call this boy, that was on duty the night before when he gave it to him, and get it straightened out. She called the boy, and the boy told her where it was at, where the package was. And she got the package and he gave her the receipt, and he signed the slip that he had.

Did he say whether she went to the safe and got it?

He didn't say where she got it.

Did you have occasion to see this Mrs. Wilson any subsequent time?

Yes sir, we saw her when we went back.

When did you go back there?

We went back about the 28th of December.

And you saw this Mrs. Wilson?

Yes sir.

Did he point her out to you as the woman who had given him the money?

Yes sir, he talked to her.

In your presence?

Yes.

What was that conversation?

He asked her if she remembered him being there before.

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Tell me about Mrs. Wilson^^, what you observed when you went with him sometime around the 28th. Now, did you talk to Mrs. Wilson?

No.

Were you present when he talked with her?

Yes sir, I was standing right there beside him.

And, when was that in relation to the time when you arrived there?

Just as soon as we went in and rented a rooms.

What time did you go in there?

We got in there about 4:00 in the evening.

And what conversation did he have with her in your presence?

Well the reason we went to Washington, DC was to get proof, beyond a shadow of a doubt, from witness and everybody else that he had actually put \$3,000.00 in this safety deposit box at the motel. Of course, he told Walter Sheridan^^ on the telephone that he just wanted to talk to him, and Sheridan told him that if we could get the money to get up there on that he'd give us money to get back on. Well when we got there, we went in and we got our room, and I told him right then before we went back to get our clothes out of the car, I said is the person here that knows about this \$3,000.00? And he said that lady right there was the one I talked to the morning that we had this misunderstanding about it. And I said why don't you say something to her to see if she remembers. And he did. He asked this man if this lady was too busy, if he could talk to her for a few minutes, and he said no. And he called her by name, he said, "Mrs. Wilson, this gentleman wants to talk to you." So she came over to the desk and [REDACTED] asked her if she remembered him, said that he had been there a week or ten days before. And she said, no she didn't believe she did, and she said so many people came in and out that it was hard for her to remember people and their names and he said well, I thought you would remember me because of the misunderstanding we had the morning over a package I left here to be put in your safe. And she said, "oh yes, now I remember you."

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Did he mention money to her at all?

He didn't say money, he said "package".

And she said she recalled the incident?

She said she remembered.

Well, I took you a bit forward, now I want to take you back to his first trip to Washington. It was after his first trip to Washington that he told you about this incident about this money. Now, after he got the money, from Mrs. Wilson, now I'm talking about the first trip, early in December, what did he say that he had then done?

He got the money that morning, and then him and Walter Sheridan and two lawyers were supposed to have a meeting sometime that morning, or that day, and he said that Sheridan picked him up at the motel and they went downtown to Washington and met with these two lawyers.

Did he say who the lawyers were?

No sir. He knows who they are, he told me, but he never did call them by their name.

Did he say where the meeting was?

He said it was in the Justice Department, somewhere.

Did he say what happened there?

Yes, he said they went down and went in this office, somewhere in the Justice Department, and that when he went in, these two lawyers were there and Sheridan. And he said that Sheridan left and went upstairs and that he told him that he just wanted to talk to these two lawyers. He said that these two lawyers asked him to talk to him about this hearing, Hoffa's<sup>^^</sup> hearing in Chattanooga. He told him that 99 chances out of 100 that Hoffa would get the hearing. And that they wanted affidavits from him and Walter Sheridan. So, they showed him the affidavit and asked him if this wasn't true and asked him to sign it and he refused to do it.

Well did he say whether they had talked to him first, and then prepared an affidavit? Or did he say they had the affidavit already prepared?

I don't know whether they had it prepared or not, he didn't say.

You don't know whether they talked to him first, and then submitted an affidavit?

They talked to him about 30 minutes, he said, before.

And then did they draw an affidavit?

No from my understanding, it was already drawn.

Did he say what was in that affidavit?

He didn't say the exact words, the only thing he said that it was lousy and it was ... well he said that everything in it was a lie. And he said that he couldn't sign an affidavit like that because it would be him telling a lie, and he said he told Sheridan that.

Did you mention before that he said something about if he signed that affidavit?

He said the things that were in the affidavit was worse than anything that Jimmy Hoffa<sup>^^</sup> or [REDACTED] had ever done. b7C

This is what he told you?

Yes.

He didn't say that he had said that to these men?

He didn't tell these lawyers of this, he told Walter Sheridan.

After he refused to sign the affidavit, what, if anything, occurred?

He said that he got mad and walked out. He said that the lawyers called him back and tried to talk to him, and he said he got mad again and walked out this time, and didn't come back. And said that Sheridan came running after him. And him and Sheridan had an argument outside the building.

Did he say what the argument was about?

Yeah, because Sheridan wanted him to sign this affidavit, and he said he might have gotten into trouble if he had signed it. ~~Because the things that were in it weren't true.~~ And he said that he told Sheridan that he would never sign an affidavit to the effect that this one was in, and that he was going home right then, and he didn't want to talk to him anymore and he said he asked Sheridan right then if they could ride right to the Union Station.

Did he have the money in his pocket then?

No, Sheridan had already taken the money, by then.

Well, when did Sheridan take the money?

He said they had the meeting in the office, and he talked with two lawyers, and he would not sign the affidavit, and that Sheridan was in the other office and the two lawyers told him and Sheridan wanted to talk to him. And he went out to talk to Sheridan, and he said that's when Sheridan told him that he'd made a mistake, that it was against the law for him to give [REDACTED] the money and these two attorneys just informed me that it was against the law and that I'll have to have this \$3,000.00 back. And he said that he just handed it back to him. b7C

He said that it was Walter Sheridan. And he wouldn't talk to him. His wife talked to Sheridan, and he told his wife that he didn't want to talk to him. And said that Sheridan called back twice that day, trying to get a hold of him. And when he finally did reach him, Sheridan told him right then, I believe this was a Saturday, that if he'd go to [REDACTED] that his money problems would be over.

Well did he say who he should go to in [REDACTED]

He told him that when he got to [REDACTED], he'd give him a phone number and a man's name; and told him to call this man.

Do you remember what the man's name was?

Yes, I remember his last name is [REDACTED] (?)

Do you recall what the telephone number was?

No. [REDACTED] got it.

Now, I'm talking in terms of the morning after [REDACTED] first trip to Washington in December 1964. As I understand it, you say he called 2-3 times to [REDACTED] home, and [REDACTED] wouldn't talk to him and on one occasion, he talked to his wife. Is that right? Now did Sheridan give any message to the wife to relay to [REDACTED]

No except that he wanted to talk to him and that it was important. He told [REDACTED] wife that him and [REDACTED] had a little misunderstanding, or argument, and that [REDACTED] had left there mad and that he needed to talk to him, that it was important. And she told Sheridan that he doesn't want to talk to you. But after Sheridan had called back a couple of times later, then [REDACTED] finally did talk to him.

Did [REDACTED] say whether Sheridan said anything about the misunderstanding they had had?

He said that Sheridan didn't say anything but that he did. He told him that you people promised me money several different times and every time that you send me someplace something happens, and I never get it. And I'm tired of running here and there and everywhere else trying to get a hold of some money because every time you send me someplace to get it, I don't get it.

Had [REDACTED] told you any places where they had sent him to get money, prior to this trip to Washington?

He told me that at one time he was to go over and get it from [REDACTED]

When was that?



About 2-3 weeks before this.

Did he say how much he was supposed to get?

\$3,000.00.

Did he ever go to see [REDACTED]?

Yes, he did.

Who told him to go to see [REDACTED]?

Walter Sheridan told him.

He said Walter Sheridan told him to go to see [REDACTED]

Yes sir.

And did he go to [REDACTED]?

Yes sir, he met [REDACTED] ... (end of record)

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Now, do I understand you to say that he [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] at the Flaming Steer, and in point of time, that was 2 or 3 weeks before he made his first trip to Washington in December, is that right?

That's right.

Now, did [REDACTED] tell you he went to see [REDACTED] at the Flaming Steer?

I can't make out that, well I took him to a restaurant right across the street from Vanderbilt Campus, and I stayed at this restaurant while he went to the Flaming Steer and met [REDACTED]. He used my car. And he told me that he met [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Now on that occasion when you went to the Flaming Steer, had [REDACTED] asked you to drive him out there?

Yes sir.

And did you pick [REDACTED] up that day? What time of the day was it? b7c

When I got out and went in this restaurant it was 5 minutes after 11.

Do you have a note of that as to what date that was?

No, I don't.

Did [REDACTED] tell you why he was going to see [REDACTED]? What did he tell you?

He told me that he was supposed to get some money from [REDACTED] and also that he was supposed to check on me a job with [REDACTED].

And you drove him out there, is that right?

Right.

Did he say who had told him ...

He said Walter Sheridan^^ had told him to meet [REDACTED], to get with [REDACTED], and to make a meeting and to see him, and talk with him.

Well was Sheridan interested in getting you a job?

I guess he was, [REDACTED] said he was. Said he was going to do something for me to help me get a job.

Sheridan had said that?

Yeah.

Now when you went out there, did you drop [redacted] off, or ...

No, [redacted] didn't again, this was another meeting with these union people and he didn't want me around. He asked me if I would wait in this restaurant while he went down to meet with Vestal and them.

How far was the restaurant where you waited from the Flaming Steer?

About 7-8 blocks.

Did you drop him off there or what?

No, he dropped me off at this restaurant, and then he took my car and went down to the Flaming Steer and met them.

And did he subsequently pick you up?

He was at this restaurant, they stayed there almost 4 hours.

You were waiting?

I waited.

And he picked you up some 4 hours later, is that right?

Right.

What did he say happened then?

He told me that Vestal and him had asked him what we wanted. If we wanted money or if we wanted a job, or what we wanted. He said for me to make up my mind that night, if I wanted a job someplace or if I just wanted some money or whatever it was I wanted.

Did he say how much money?

He never named any amount.

Did [redacted] say what was to happen in relation to him?

No, he said that he was going to ask for a job, he said that they offered him a job with the Teamsters Union, as a \*\*\* aid, at \$185.00 a week plus a new car every year.

Did he say whether he said whether he'd take it or not?

No, he told me that he didn't think that he would take it. He said they offered him it, but he didn't think he would because later on if they decided to fire him or anything, he wouldn't have any recourse, that he would just be fired.

Did he say whether he asked them for money?

He said he didn't get any money, so undoubtedly he didn't ask them.

Well had Sheridan told him that if he went out to see [REDACTED] that he could get either a job or money?

He said he did.

Did Sheridan tell him how much money he would get?

No, he didn't say any amount. But in all of the money talks, everytime he ever mentioned it the same amount kept popping up - \$3,000.00 all the time.

Alright now we were at, I'm going to bring you back to the morning, ...

[REDACTED] speaking:

You might do this [REDACTED] while he's on [REDACTED] they had a second meeting at the same place, and [REDACTED] thinks that wanting \*\*\* took steps to confirm that he was meeting with [REDACTED]

I took a cousin of mine right into the restaurant where they were at.

[REDACTED]:  
When was that? Was that before the trip you told me about?

It was afterwards.

Was it after the trip to Washington?

Yes.

Was it before the trip to Washington that you took with ...

No, it was after that time.

Well then it would have been sometime in January. Do you want to tell me about that?

Well, I called [REDACTED] house one morning, and asked his wife if he was there, and she said, "no." So, I asked if she knew where he was, and she said that he just left and that he wouldn't be back for several hours. Well I left, I had to come to town, and I came to town and went to the National \*\*\* Newspaper Company, where a friend of mine works there by the name of [REDACTED], and then [REDACTED] talked a few minutes and I told him how at the end of December when we came back from Washington, [REDACTED] had acted real funny. He didn't ... he acted like he distrusted me then and he wouldn't tell me anything about what he was doing or where he was

going and he very seldom ever called me after that. So, I was talking to Sam and I told Sam the way that [redacted] had been acting, and

that I had tried to get ahold of him that morning, and his wife wouldn't tell me where he was at or who he was with or when he'd be back, or anything about it. And I just mentioned this back to [redacted] that he was acting strange and I told [redacted] that morning that he's probably meeting [redacted]. Or somebody that he doesn't want me to know about. So, I also told Sam, I said I know where he met Vestal before and what I ought to do is drive by there and see if I can see him. And he said well if you think that he's meeting him and if you ever needed any proof, and what you need to do is take somebody with you to see him and [redacted] in the place together. So, I said well that's what I'll do. So I drove down to the Flaming Steer and [redacted] was in there, he had borrowed his sister's car, this '53 Chevrolet, and I saw the car sitting in the lot, but I didn't see any union people's car. So I went back to the telephone and I called [redacted] and I asked him if he'd come down there so that I would have somebody to verify that he was in there with [redacted] - although I told him at the time I didn't see anybody's car. Sam told me that he couldn't get away, he was busy and had a lot of work to do, he told me to call somebody I know and have them meet me down there and you can go inside. So, I called a cousin of mine and she told me that she could be down there in about 15 minutes. Well, meanwhile, while I was right there in the phone booth, across the street, I saw [redacted]'s Lincoln pull in. So I told her then, I said that he and Vestal are in there now, because I know [redacted] car, so you come straight down because they may get up and leave. She said alright. So she came right straight down and I went back to the \*\*\* and I got in her car, and we drove down to the Flaming Steer. And we walked inside and [redacted] and [redacted] were sitting at a table. b7c

Now, what was her name?

Her name is [redacted] - maiden name). And her and I went inside and there were no empty tables or booths or anything, the place was just filled up. So, I asked her did she see [redacted] and see this man and she said yes, and I said well why don't you take a close look because later on I may need you to testify that we came in here and saw them sitting together. And she said alright. So, the host came up to us and told us that there weren't any tables, and asked if we'd like to wait, and I told her no that we'd go back out in the car and have a cup of coffee, and wait a few minutes and then we'd be back in. So, we went outside and we parked right outside [redacted] car, - his Lincoln. And we sat there about 15 minutes having some coffee, and about 15 minutes later, [redacted] and [redacted] came out. And they stood outside the place, outside the door, and they talked about 5 minutes and then [redacted] got in his car and left and [redacted] went to use the telephone right outside of the place and then he went into his car and then he left.

You of course, didn't hear any conversations, did you?

No.

You didn't see anything unusual?

No.

Alright now, let me take you back again to the morning after the first trip [redacted] made to Washington, when he called you and asked you to come over for breakfast and told you about this \$3,000.00 incident and told you about the phone calls that he had had with Sheridan. And as I understand it, [redacted] told you Sheridan said, that if you went to a certain place in Chattanooga, that his money worries would be over. Now, did you go to Chattanooga?

Yes sir.

Did you go by car?

We went in my car.

Did [redacted] have any money then?

He had, when we left Nashville, he had \$8.00.

And did you pay for the gas?

I had \$5.00. And he told me that that was all the money we needed because after we got in there, we were going to get some money.

On the way to Chattanooga, did he tell you anything further about this case, or Sheridan?

No. We just talked about; the biggest thing that we talked about was how he was going to get the \$3,000.00, supposed to get some money from this [redacted] that he was supposed to meet down there. He said that Sheridan had told him, you go to Chattanooga, and if you don't get what you want down there, and you're not satisfied, then you can do anything you want to do. Undoubtedly he had threatened Sheridan with maybe selling his testimony, or something, or doing something that Sheridan didn't like because he said that Sheridan told him that if you go to Chattanooga, and see Humphreys, and you don't get what you want, you don't get your money, then when you come back you can do just as you please.

Did [redacted] say how much money Sheridan said that he would get if he went to Chattanooga?

He didn't say, but the same figure kept molding around all the time - \$3,000.00. This is what [redacted] talked about.

Now, but he didn't say it then?

No.

Alright now when you got to Chattanooga, what if anything, happened there?

When we got to Chattanooga, it was 5 minutes to 9:00 p.m. And he called [REDACTED] he had his phone number and everything in his billfold, he picked up the telephone, called [REDACTED] and his wife answered the telephone.

Where did he call from, do you know?

He called from a drive-in market. He called and [REDACTED] is an elderly man, I guess, he has heart trouble, and his wife answered the phone and told [REDACTED], asked [REDACTED] could he just wait until tomorrow and call [REDACTED] that his doctor had told him to be in bed at 9:00 at night, and their time, it was 10:00 p.m. And she said that [REDACTED] was already in bed, and she asked [REDACTED] if he could stay overnight and call [REDACTED] back in the morning. And he told her he would.

Alright, you stayed overnight in Chattanooga ...

Yes, so we got a room at the Albert Pick Motel(?).

Who paid the bill?

Well, [REDACTED] paid it when we left.

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We're saying that this [REDACTED] set a meeting up for 3:00 on Sunday afternoon, at his home.

Vic^ left about 2:30 in my car, and drove to [REDACTED] house. And he was telling me what a swell place it was, a big, fine, rich home and that he thought that this [REDACTED] was the one that.... He knew beyond a shadow of a doubt, that this is where [REDACTED] had stayed when the government had \*\*\* in Chattanooga. But anyway at the meeting, he said that [REDACTED] assured him that there was no trouble, that they can work out the money situation and that for him to wait on it til Monday morning, meet him in his office, and that they would work this thing out and that [REDACTED] would get what he came to Chattanooga after.

Did [REDACTED] talk in terms of specific sums?

No, he never did.

Did [REDACTED] seem satisfied after he talked to these people?

He told me that beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he thought that this time, he was finally going to get his money. He said that this man told him that there was no worry, no sweat, you meet me in the morning at 9:00 in my office and he told him what building it was, downtown in Chattanooga ...

Do you recall what building that was?

It's right down close to the \*\*\* Motel. And, now [REDACTED] when he came back from meeting him, he didn't seem to have any worry at all. He just knew that beyond a shadow of a doubt that he'd get his money. Later on that night, he asked me about it, we were talking about it, and I said well, the man told you that if you weren't satisfied you could do what you wanted to do. So undoubtedly if you don't get the money, this time, and you talked to [REDACTED], and he said there was no sweat in you getting what you came down here after so I wouldn't worry about it until the next morning.

How long had [REDACTED] been away from you when he made that trip?

He came back at 5:30 p.m. The next morning was Monday morning, well before I go any further though I'd better tell you about this because this is where we paid the motel bill - when he went to [REDACTED] house, he had \$4.00 left.

How do you know he had only \$4.00?

Well, I know the exact amount of money we had when we got to Chattanooga.



Did he tell you how much he had?

I saw it. He had \$4.00, and I had \$2.00. So, when he went to [redacted] house, I told him before he left, I'd said, if there going to give you some money, why don't you ask this man if he can't do something about us having enough money to eat off of and to pay this motel room until we leave here. Because we haven't got the money and if something happens tomorrow, like it happened every other time, and you don't get the money, we're going to be left with the motel room, that we can't pay. Of course, he had rented it in his name, [redacted] had - the motel, so he said well, he'd see about that when he got out there. Well when he came back he said that [redacted] had given him \$35.00; to do us until the next day. So the next morning we went to [redacted] office.

Now did you check out of the motel before you went to his office?

No, we waited.

Did you go with him?

Yes, I did. And we went to [redacted] office together.

Why was it that [redacted] went to [redacted] house alone, yet he took you to his office?

Well, I had kept asking him who the man was, and of course, when he made a phone call, I heard him ask the man, my name. And I said, who is [redacted] and he said I don't know, just some lawyer. He said its a lawyer that's close to the Kennedy's^^ and Walter Sheridan^^ knows him. He said, I think its the same lawyer that took care of [redacted] while the government was - had to get away. And this was the reason after I had found out who [redacted] was, well the next morning he didn't want me to wait at the motel, and he didn't want me to go to town with him. But I told him that I'm tired of sitting here and also I want to go to see [redacted] and see where he's at and \*\*\*. And I said I don't care any about seeing this man, but I'm not going to stay in the motel, I'm going downtown Chattanooga. And when we got downtown, he said now do you know who he is, I don't see anything wrong with you going upstairs and just sitting and waiting while I see him. So, we went upstairs and [redacted] was late getting in, about 10:00. And he called [redacted] into his office and he told him that he had an appointment ...

Where did [redacted] leave you?

In a private office - [redacted] got a private office and a secretary sits right outside.

Did he introduce you to [redacted]?

No. I was sitting outside in this little office, where the secretary was and I was talking to her, while Vic was in talking to [REDACTED]. And he said that [REDACTED] told him, I've got an appointment at 11:00, but the minute I leave there, I'm going to the bank, and when I get back from my bank, you meet me here at 12:00, and your problems will be over. So we left, and went down and ate dinner, it was about 10:45 when we left [REDACTED] office. Anyway we went downstairs and had some coffee first, and my car was parked in a meter and I told [REDACTED] that I ought to put it in a lot someplace, because I knew we were going to have to wait a couple of hours. So, he said no we'd be right in the neighborhood, and we'd stick a dime in it every so often. So we went into a restaurant and we ate lunch and we went back to his office at 12:00. Well, he didn't get back until 12:30 and he said, he told [REDACTED] that he hadn't gotten to the bank yet.

[REDACTED] left you and went into the inner office to talk with [REDACTED] alone, is that right?

Right. So, when he came back out after talking to [REDACTED], he said that he hadn't been to the bank yet, and it would be about 1:30 for us to come back at 1:30 and that he'd have everything taken care of. Well, we came back at 1:30 and he didn't get back before almost 2:00. [REDACTED] called him back into his office, and he went in there and talked and came out and he was mad.

How long was he in [REDACTED] office?

About 30 minutes. And, he said that [REDACTED] told him that this is wrong, this is against the law, for him to give [REDACTED] money and he said that he thought he had something else on your mind, maybe a job or something. But he had told me that before [REDACTED] had told him that it was no sweat in him getting the money. And the last time he met [REDACTED] he said that he told him that he couldn't do this, it was wrong, and he couldn't give him the money. He said the \$35.00 that I gave you, you can call it a gift or a loan or anything you want to.

And, you then drove back from Chattanooga. Did [REDACTED] say anything in the office there about anything at all about the conversation?

In the office? No.

Did you observe that he was angry?

Well, you could tell he was by the way he talked when he left.

Did you ask [REDACTED] how much money he was going to get?

No, I didn't ask him ... see all the times that we talked about money, I don't know why \$3,000.00 was the figure, but I just took it for granted that after hearing that amount so many times, that this was the amount that he was going after.

Did [redacted] tell you before he went to Washington the first time, how much money he was supposed to get?

No, but this figure had been mentioned before.

In what setting was this mentioned? How was \$3,000.00 mentioned by [redacted]

Well, [redacted] had made the statement that he told Sheridan it would take about \$3,000.00 to pay his bills up and to have enough to get by on until they could do something else for him.

Did [redacted] ever tell you that Sheridan, before [redacted] trial, had promised him anything?

Yeah. He told me that Sheridan had promised his kids a college education, and he said that Sheridan had promised him \$35.00 a day until this whole thing was over with.

Did he tell you that he ever got the \$35.00?

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He said that he never had gotten it. He still says he's never gotten it.

Well, did he tell you when Sheridan first made that \$35.00 a day promise to him?

He said it was in a conversation before they ever got this recording on [redacted]

Now, when you say Sheridan made the promise of \$35.00 a day, did I understand you to say for as long as this thing lasted?

Until it's completely over with in the courts.

That is [redacted]'s prosecution, or anything he developed from [redacted]

Anything that he developed from [redacted] or until [redacted] had no recourse \*\*\*\*\*. After his appeal and everything was over, all the way through the whole thing.

He was going to get \$35.00 a day. Now, during this period from March of 1964 through until December 1964, ...

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After you left the office in Chattanooga, and that was the only time was it not that you had ever gone to Chattanooga with [REDACTED]

That a long time.

Did you go to the hotel then? The motel?

After we left [REDACTED] office \*\*\* yes.

And you checked out then, is that right?

Right.

And who paid the bill?

Vic^^ did.

And did you see him pay?

Yes.

Did you see what kind of a bill he handed?

It was a 20 almost 24 dollars.

The bill was almost 24 dollars? And he paid it with a 20 and a 10 dollar bill.

Yes.

And you hadn't seen a 20 or a 10 dollar bill in his possession before then?

Well, he didn't have a 20 or a 10 dollar bill.

How did you come to discuss how much money you each had, on the trip to Chattanooga?

When he called and asked if I wanted to go to Chattanooga, I said I didn't have any money. He said you don't have any? And I said, I don't see it. He said well, I've only got 8 dollars and he said will that be enough to take us down there? And I said if it did, it would just be enough. Do you have enough to get back home? And he said well can't you borrow any? I said I don't know, I'll call my sister and brother-in-law and see if I can borrow 5-10 dollars. And I called my sister and borrowed \$5 from her.

Alright now, did you check out immediately from the hotel, or did you go someplace before you left? Between the time you left the [REDACTED] office and the hotel.

We went right straight and checked out.

And did you then drive back to Chattanooga ... Nashville?

No, we left straight from the motel on the way back to Nashville. We did stop, about 5 or 6 miles outside of Chattanooga at a restaurant. And we ate a sandwich and he called Sheridan from this restaurant.

Do you remember the name of the restaurant?

No, but I know where it's at. I don't know the name, it sits on the left hand side--actually it's a big truck stop. It sits right up top of a big hill.

If you were present when he called Sheridan on many occasions, were you not?

Quite a few.

Well, when he would call Sheridan, would he reverse the charges? Always.

Always. And were you present with him when he made the call from the telephone station, telephone booth on way back to Nashville?

I was right beside him.

And what did you hear said?

Well, when he called Sheridan he said, well this is another one of your dry runs, asking, well I guess he asked him..., Did [redacted] will you narrate the conversation as [redacted] related it to you, and then you tell us what you actually heard [redacted] say. b7c

Well, [redacted] first of all, after he got Sheridan off the phone, he told him that this is another of your dry runs. You told me before that; well he told me that I'm tired of all this running around when I go back to Nashville, I'm not going anywhere. If you do anything, you're going to do it right and ask him because I wouldn't go to Nashville or anyplace anymore. He said you told me before that if I didn't get what I wanted in Chattanooga, I could do as I please, and he says from now on this is the terms I'm going to think of. Do just as I please. And I don't know what Sheridan said but they got into a little argument and [redacted] told Sheridan when he hung up the phone, when I go back to Nashville, as far as I'm concerned, I'm not associated with the government anymore, I've already [redacted], I don't have any strings tied or any connection with you or anybody else; and from now on I'm going to go into private investigation business and regardless of who comes in my door as a client, I'm going to take them and if there's anything I can do to help these people, if I can, I'm going to.

Did he mention anybody specifically when he said these people?

No, cause he knew that Sheridan knew who he was talking about.

What did he say that Sheridan said to him?

He said that Sheridan told him that he shouldn't make any mistakes, plan not to do anything too fast, or anything rash, go and take his time, when he got back to Nashville and asked him to call him when he got home. And he told me that he would, but he didn't see any point in it. He said he told me on the phone to do what I want to do and he said that's why I pulled in the 10 when I get back. He said its just one of those things that you people keep telling me to do this and you're going to do that, and when I go someplace and try to get it done its always the same old thing, I never get anything done. And me and him had talked about this before, because he told me, he said that if these people don't do what they're going to do in Chattanooga, when I get back to Nashville, I'm going to see if I can get enough money together and I'm going to open me an office and going to get an office \*\*\*, He said you can get one for about \$50 more, I'm going to run an ad in the paper, with my name as private investigator and I want you to put the word out to the right people, meaning \*\*\*\* or union paper. He was open for business as a private investigator, and that he'd take anything that would come in his door. And I doubt that he had told Sheridan this because when we was in Washington, he said something about the same thing and Sheridan asked him, Sheridan told him, he said this sounds like a threat. And [REDACTED] told him then, he said no, this is not a threat but, this was my understanding before, but him and Sheridan got into a little argument up there at the motel that night.

Were you present when they got into the argument.

Yes.

You were present when there was an argument between Sheridan and [REDACTED]

Right.

Alright now I'm sorry that I'm being tedious with you [REDACTED], but I'm trying to get the whole picture in as much detail as I can. And I'm approaching this thing as if I've never heard of anything before, you see?

Yeah.

Now on the way back from Chattanooga, did you have any further conversation with [REDACTED]

Oh, we talked about just the same thing, he said that he knew almost felt in his mind that even down in that one office, he was sure that he could get the money, when who... assured him that he'd

get the money, that was like before, he said that even then that something would happen that he wouldn't get the money. And he told me from then on that he was going to do just as he wanted to do about this, and if the government wasn't going to do anything for him, if he got another chance, I'll make a deal, that he was going to make it.

Now, that brings us up to somewhere around the 7th or 8th of December, no that takes us past that.. this is a January meeting, oh that's right... that was a meeting as you referred to as [REDACTED] first meeting and then there was a Washington meeting in which [REDACTED] went to Washington. Now I want to take you back to a time when [REDACTED] first went to Washington, and came back and told you about the \$3,000 incident. After that, did you see [REDACTED] frequently between lets say December 8 and December 28th?

I saw him every other day. Well, I'd talk to him or something. 576

Did he relate anything to his going on at that time, did you ask him whether he'd been in touch with Sheridan about the \$3,000 or anything of that nature?

We talked about it several times, and he'd tell me that Sheridan kept promising one thing just before Christmas, [REDACTED] his last check from the police department, well next to his last check, first of December; I know personally that [REDACTED] paid his rent and spent his whole paycheck.

How do you know that, did he tell you?

Well, I know what he draws, and I know he draws \$142.00 every two weeks. And he drew that early in December. And of course he'd pay his rent and utility bills and he and his wife went shopping, and they bought for months and his three boys a new suit of clothes. And he bought, I don't know some toy or whatever you buy for kids that big, games and things and he told me that he bought it on credit at Harvest, all the clothes and things. And I said well you must have \*\*\*, you spent that before you turned around. And he said, I spent every penny of that. So when I came back from grocery store, I didn't have nothing. Well about 10 days later, he went and he bought a big Christmas tree, and had it flocked, and told me it cost about \$15, and he just spent a lot of money, that I knew he couldn't have paid it, I don't know where he got it.

You mean between December and Christmas?

Right.

What else did he spend between December and Christmas? December 1st and Christmas. Did he buy a car?

No, he bought his car after, he just bought his car not too long ago.

From December 1st until Christmas you say he had that one payday on December 1st he would have had another payday on December 15th would he not? Was he paid twice a month, or what?

I don't think, he gets paid once a month. No, he gets paid twice.

Does he?

Yeah.

Now, you might just come down to this thing we've been getting at. He'd made several trips to Washington and returned. And then you went to Washington and were up there with him and Sheridan - you learned of a way that he gave him some money. You might just relay that to [REDACTED] at this point.

Well this is what he told me was his connection with; was his connection with [REDACTED] now. He told me that this was the way that if he ever got into a tight spot, that he could call [REDACTED] and get 10-15-20 dollars. And he said several times that he had done that. Well, after we came back from this trip, I know personally one night I came to get him to pick up his sister's car and he told me that he's going to meet [REDACTED]. And [REDACTED] was supposed to give him 15-20 dollars. He arranged a meeting between a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at a motel out here on Murpheys-Burr Road(?). And the Murphy Courts out there. And we got to the motel, and I was with him when he arranged the meeting. We were up in the state capitol, while the senate was in session. And they were having this argument over the Speaker of the House, and we were up there listening to some of it. And he talked to [REDACTED] on the side and told him that Vestal wanted to have a meeting with him.

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Record 11 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 4, 1965

So you left on a Sunday morning, you stated. Going to Washington?

Yeah.

About what time did you say?

It was about 9:00 in the morning.

How did you pick that time?

Well he called [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had not been able to get the money until later than what he'd thought and [REDACTED] told him he'd meet us in Madison, Tennessee. Which is about halfway between my house and [REDACTED] - he lives in [REDACTED]. He told us he'd meet us at the Crystal in Madison and give [REDACTED] the \$150. He told him to meet him at 9:00.

Incidentally, did [REDACTED] ever pay that \$50 back?

Yes, he paid it back.

Do you remember when?

He paid it back the next day after we got home. Now, the government gave us \$305-\$306 when we were going to Washington, and we paid our expenses at the motel out of it.

Well, before we get to that, you drove to Washington, in your car?

Yes.

What kind of a car was that?

A 62 Chevrolet.

What color?

White.

What selection?

Its a 1B31 33.

And what time did you get to Washington?

We stayed all night in Roanoke, Virginia. And we got to Washington at 4:00 the next evening.

Where did you go? We went straight to the Governor's^^ house.

The Governor's^^ house?

In Bethesda, MD.

That would have been on a Monday?

Yes.

You got there around 4:00 in the afternoon. And on the way up there did he discuss what you were going up there for or anything of that nature?

Yes. We were going up there to get proof of these people that he left \$3,000 there overnight.

Well, why did he say he wanted that? He wanted the proof?

Yes. He wanted to show to anybody that wanted to buy the information, that the government had broken the law by giving him \$3,000.

And had he told you that was his purpose, before you left?

That was the only reason we were going as far as me and him were concerned.

And what was your function of the whole thing? Were you to be a witness, or what?

Yes. I was supposed to have him get this information from these people. And I was also to be a witness if these people did remember and that I heard them say that he left the \$3,000. overnight.

And that was the only reason he wanted you to go?

I guess.

He told you that before you left?

Yes.

And you discussed it on the way up?

Yes.

On the way up, did he say anything to you, more about what the government owed him or what his promises had been?

No we didn't talk about anything in particular.

Now when you got there... OH, in getting this information!

What we talked about was how we were going to get this information from these people, he was going to bring the same thing up that he did asked this woman^ \*\*\*\*\* and we were going to talk to her after

she got off work, and found out where she lived and go to her house and tell her that he needed this information for some particular reason and then we were going to see the boy^^ he left it with that night also for the same reason.

Had he talked with Sheridan^^ before he went up, do you know?

He called Sheridan on the way up.

Where did he call him from?

He called him from the motel that we stayed in.

In Roanoke?

In Roanoke, Virginia.

What was the name of that motel?

Travel Lodge.

Were you there when he called?

Yes I was.

What time of day was it?

It was at night.

Where did he call him, do you know?

He called him at his home.

Did he reverse the charges?

Yes.

Did [REDACTED] ever tell you whether or not, Sheridan had a private telephone, an unlisted telephone? b7c

He never said.

Were you there, did you hear the conversation?

Yes.

What was the conversation?

Well he just called him and told him that we were in Roanoke, Virginia and that the weather was bad and we was tired and we was going to spend the night, and we would be in Washington the next evening. He told me to call him when he got into town.

So he went to the Governor's house?

Yes.

What happened then?

Well we checked in.

By the way, did you sign the registration card?

No, he did.

Did you put your name on the registration card?

No.

He was the only one who registered.

Yes.

OK what happened then. Now this was on a Monday, right?

Yes.

Ok.

We registered and he had this conversation with this Wilson-woman^^.

That you had previously told us about?

Yes.

And what was that conversation as you recall?

He asked her did she remember him that he had been there a week to 10 days before. She told him that she didn't think she did. And he said well, the reason I thought you might have remembered he said we had a little misunderstanding over a package that I'd left in a safe. And he said you'd like to not find it until the next morning, you had a little trouble. And she said, Oh yes. She said, I remember you now. Would you not like to have found it until the next morning, you had a little trouble. And she said, Well we got it all straightened out, and he said yes. I just want to be sure that you remember who I was. And she said she did. We went upstairs and he called Sheridan^^ at the Justice Department.

Do you remember what room you were in?

Yes, we went to 316. And he called Sheridan^^ talked to him and Sheridan was tied up busy, but he would meet him that night. At his motel. So [REDACTED] had started taking a cold now, he got a bad cold and he got sick, he ran a temperature; but this night, the first night Sheridan came in there. And he told [REDACTED] that he wanted [REDACTED] to meet with some attorneys the next day. And so [REDACTED] told him alright, but he didn't feel like going into town or anything, and asked if these attorneys could come to the motel. He

told him yes. Well, I went to a liquor store to buy some whiskey and we had a drink.

Do you remember where you went to get the whiskey?

Yeah, it was on the same street that the motel sits on its about a mile and 1/2 down toward Washington on the 240.

Was it a liquor store? Did they have beer? Was it in Washington?

No, it was in Bethesda, I think. It was about a mile and a 1/2, and was on the right hand side, its the only liquor store even close to the motel.

Do you know was it a privately owned liquor store?

Yeah.

It was a regular liquor store, it wasn't a bar or anything. Just a liquor store.

Didn't serve any food there?

No.

Nothing else but liquor?

Nothing else but liquor. And I brought it back.

Do you recall what time was this?

Oh, it was about 9:00, Sheridan didn't get there until about 7:30 and we talked for awhile about nothing in particular.

Sheridan came before you went out for the whiskey?

Yes.

OK well, Sheridan arrived in room 316. Did you and [REDACTED] occupy the same room?

Yes.

And you were present with [REDACTED] and Sheridan when they talked?

Yes.

And that commenced about 7:30? Now, what occurred in there?

Well, during the first hour, you might say, Sheridan just talked to me and told me that he wanted me to meet these two lawyers the next day.

The two attorneys. Did he say who they were?

He didn't call them by name. But I believe they were the same two that he had met before.

Did [REDACTED] say that they were the same two?

No.

He didn't say that, but he seemed to know them.

Well then you didn't see them until the following day.

No.

What else did Sheridan say in that hour or hour and 1/2 before you went out to get the liquor?

Well, there wasn't a whole lot of anything said, he tried to get [REDACTED] to go to a doctor, his doctor. And his doctor was right there in this motel. And [REDACTED] told him that he didn't want to go that night, but if he felt that bad that he would go the next morning.

Was [REDACTED] dressed during this time?

In pajamas.

And did Sheridan say anything to him at all about what he wanted him to talk about with these lawyers?

Yes.

He said he wanted him to talk to them again about the affidavit.

Well did he say what the affidavit was to contain?

No, he never mentioned that.

Did Sheridan say anything to [REDACTED] about how these lawyers had claimed had occurred between him and [REDACTED] - him, being Sheridan?

No.

Did they discuss the papers that had been trial in the court by all these lawyers?

Yes, it was mentioned, just briefly.

Who mentioned?

I think [REDACTED] did first.

He asked him, I think the way it got around to was he asked Sheridan was how \*\*\* at 7:30. This is a funny thing, because this first night Sheridan told [REDACTED] that almost beyond a shadow of a doubt that Hoffa would get the guy. When we left there, before we

left DC, he told [REDACTED] in the same tongue it was that it was a 60-40 chance that Hoffa^^ would not get the \*\*\*.

Were you present when he told that to [REDACTED] the second time? The 60-40 chance?

Yes.

Now, did he say why he thought in the first instance that Hoffa^^ would get the \*\*\*?

No, he never gave a reason why, just said that he was almost sure he would.

Did he say whether the lawyers had told the justice department lawyer?

No, he didn't give any reason.

And he didn't discuss anything at all about what the lawyers, about the lawyers papers had said, is that right?

No, but he knew exactly what they said, I don't know how he found out or anything but he knew.

Who knew?

Sheridan did.

Did Sheridan say anything about the lawyer, the Hoffa lawyers claiming that [REDACTED] had been reporting to him everything that Tommy^^ had been doing in defense of Hoffa^^?

Yeah, he didn't say this in front of me.

He didn't. Did he say anything in there that Hoffa's^^ lawyers had said that [REDACTED] had acted as a government spy?

Oh yeah.

What did he say about that?

I don't know whether he said this at first or not, I don't know, he said this before we left it may have been the next day, we had a long talk the next day. But he said that in the brief \*\*\*\*\* Hoffa's lawyers did know that he was a government spy and that he had given information to them concerning [REDACTED] previous to his trial.

Do you mean previous to the time [REDACTED] had gotten in trouble?

Yeah.

What did [REDACTED] say to that?

Well Sheridan seemed to be a little upset about it. Him and [REDACTED] talked a great deal on dates, around the time of [REDACTED] trial. 7

When you say [REDACTED] trial, prior to [REDACTED] trouble? b7C

Yeah. /



Record 12 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 4, 1965

Now you say you were with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the Capitol?

Right, in the Capitol.

Now how come that meeting was arranged?

Well, [REDACTED] told me he just wanted to go up and hear this argument about the Speaker of the House, but after the senate adjourned for the day, he went right straight to [REDACTED] and talked to him about a meeting with [REDACTED].

What would [REDACTED] have anything to do with [REDACTED]

I don't know.

Well did [REDACTED] say that he had asked [REDACTED] to have a meeting with [REDACTED]

I was with him when he asked [REDACTED]. He asked [REDACTED] right then, and [REDACTED] told him he would, but that he was awfully busy and he said he would still do it if he could arrange a time where he could have this meeting in, let's say, an hour and he could get away right quick. So he told [REDACTED] that he would call [REDACTED] and set the meeting up, so he could call [REDACTED] back and tell him at a specific time where to meet him and said it shouldn't take more than an hour. So he called [REDACTED] at the Union(?) out there, and I was sitting right there listening to him. And he called [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told him to go to Mercury Courts on Margaret Boyle(?) road, and reserve a room, or something and set the meeting for 7:00. He called [REDACTED] back and told him to meet him at the Mercury Courts at 7:00.

When was this? Was it after he left the police department?

Oh yeah. It was 2 or 3 weeks ago from then, I guess.

2-3 weeks from this day.

From right now, yeah. So his car was still tore up and he didn't have any transportation and he asked me would I take him to the Mercury Courts for this meeting between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. And I told him I would. He said but now you'll have to leave when they meet out there, because [REDACTED] won't meet with [REDACTED] with you present. And I said well, alright. So, we went to the Mercury Courts and [REDACTED] came in out there. And I stayed there for awhile and we talked and then [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] talked for about 15 minutes, [REDACTED] called and said he'd be a few minutes late. So before [REDACTED] came, I told [REDACTED] that I had to go up to Hoover \*\*\* and pick up a check for one day that I had gone up there and that I'd be back afterwhile. And he told me, well why rush off, why not stick around?

Who told you that?

██████ did, ██████. He said because this is just a meeting, ██████ wants to talk to me about something, its nothing that you can't hear and anybody else.

Were you personally related with ██████

No, this is the first time I'd ever met him. But he's an awful nice fellow, and as far as he was concerned this meeting I was welcome at. But ██████ was the one that didn't want me to be there when this meeting was held. I don't know what was said at it, because of this reason. But I left, and went to Hoover and picked my check up and came back and had a cup of coffee at a restaurant and came back at 8:00. Because the meeting was only supposed to last an hour. I knocked on the door and ██████ opened the door of the motel and ██████ and ██████ were sitting at his side. And ██████ told me it would be another 20-30 minutes. I said well, I can't wait any longer, I said my wife is pregnant now and she told me that night that she didn't feel good and told me to come right straight home as soon as I could. So I told him I've got to get on back home, my wife may be sick or may run into some trouble and I don't want to be away from home all night. And he said, we'll leave in 20 minutes, just wait until then. And I said can't you get ██████ or ██████ to run you back? And he said ██████ doesn't have any transportation, somebody brought him out here and dropped him off. And that ██████ was going straight to town for a meeting and he wouldn't have time to run him way back out to his \*\*\*. Where he lives. So I said well if it's going to be 20 minutes I'll wait, but if you're going to be out here another hour, I'm going on home. He said well just wait 15-20 more minutes. Oh, about 15 minutes later, they all came out. ██████ came out, he had his car parked across the way, a little Volkswagen and went and got his car and ██████ came out and waited and ██████ picked ██████ up and carried him to a restaurant, called the Barbecue Den, and somebody was supposed to pick ██████ up there and take him wherever he was going. b7C

Well did you hear anything about the nature of that conversation?

Nothing, I didn't hear a word of it. ██████ told me that it was some kind of a, he wanted ██████ to hit him with some kind of a deal.

Well that had no relation to getting Vic any money, did it?

No it didn't have any relation to it, but ██████ told me that Vestal was going to give him some money because he just arranged the meeting - got him a meeting with ██████ That had no relation to this meeting.

Well now we're still between that period between around December 8th until the 27th, other than what you've told me about the purchases the fellow made on clothes, rent, he would have had another payday on December 15.

Yes.

Was that his last payday with [REDACTED]?

That was supposed to be his last payday, but he told me that [REDACTED] told him that he had some vacation time accumulated, he hadn't worked a day in over a year, but [REDACTED] told him that he had this time accumulated and that he would pay him for it. He said it was 2 weeks pay, but he told him that when [REDACTED] paid him, it was only for one week.

Now in this period from December 8 to December 28, did [REDACTED] ever call Sheridan^^ that you know of?

He must have talked to him, not that I know of because I wasn't present, but he told me that he talked to him 5-6 times. b7c

Did he tell you what he talked to him about?

Well the 1st of December, was on this motion on this hearing... I know, but after that, after he came back from Washington, and after he related to you the incident of \$3,000, did he ever tell you he had any conversation with Sheridan between on or about December 8 to December 27 or 28?

Yeah, he said he talked to him 5-6 times, but he didn't say what he talked to him about.

Did he say to you anything about being promised money during that time.

We talk about that all the time, because he had been promised, he was being promised money all along, all the way through.

He said that he was promised.

Yeah.

Now we go up to shortly after Christmas, did you go to Washington with [REDACTED] After Christmas?

Yeah.

How did that trip come around?

Well, before Christmas, me and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had \*\*\*. [REDACTED] was supposed to write a story for [REDACTED] all about this trial, and try to send it to the Saturday Evening Post. But my

understanding, and [REDACTED] understanding was that [REDACTED] was going to write this story just as it happened which would show that [REDACTED] had been trapped and [REDACTED] had more than the government had broken the law. And that they had done several things that they weren't supposed to do. And this was the story that [REDACTED] was supposed to write. Well, just before [REDACTED] went the first time, [REDACTED] asked him for a lot of information, so he could put some of this story together, and [REDACTED] told him, not until he came back. He said he'd already talked to Sheridan about this story and Sheridan said it would be alright as long as he could see it first before it was published. And [REDACTED] this boy \*\*\*, he didn't want Sheridan to see it...he wanted to write it just as [REDACTED] told him. So, we tried to get him, well he called Sheridan and told Sheridan that he thought he ought to talk to him. b7c

Did he do that in your presence?

Yes.

Where did he make the call?

From his home.

Did he reverse the charges?

He reversed the charges.

When did he make this call?

About a day or two before Christmas.

What did you hear him say on the phone?

He told Sheridan that concerning this matter in Chattanooga and several other things, I think we ought to get together and talk this thing over. And Sheridan told him over the phone, well I can't get you any money, several things have come up and there's no way for me to get you any, but if you get the money, I'll give you the \*\*\* to pay back whoever you get it from. So, he asked me if he could borrow any money and I told him I don't know, I'd see.

Well when he's talking about borrowing money, was it money for a trip to Washington?

Money to go to Washington on.

Did you hear [REDACTED] asking Sheridan for money to go to Washington? b7c

Yeah, he asked him how he was going to get there. He told him he didn't know because some things had come up but he could get the money the way he had gotten it before.

The way he had gotten it before? And that is what [REDACTED] told you that Sheridan had said?

Right.

Now, had [redacted] ever told you how Sheridan had gotten the money to [redacted] before then?

Yes, he told me he'd gotten it through [redacted] or \*\*\* [redacted]

That was only money for transportation to Washington, is that right?

That's right.

How did he, did [redacted] ever tell you that [redacted] or [redacted] had ever gotten money to him other than for trips to Washington?

He said that he'd gotten money from them, other than the trips, yeah.

Did he say how that was done? b7C

He said he would call them and talk to them and ask them to meet him someplace and told him he needed some money.

Did he say anything in terms of amounts?

No, he never mentioned any amount - and if he did, he probably lied to me.

Well, so anyway you heard [redacted] make this call and after the call he asked you if he could borrow any money, is that right?

He told Walter Sheridan^^ that he would try to borrow money and if he could, that he wouldn't call him back. He said that if I get the money, I won't call you back; but if I can't get the money, I'll call you back and let you know that I can't get it.

Now did he arrange to get the money?

Yes, he talked to [redacted]. And asked [redacted] could he borrow any money, [redacted] was supposed to go with us at first, and [redacted] said he didn't know he'd call his brother and see, he didn't have any money, and finally [redacted] talked to somebody or called somebody and he told [redacted] that he could get \$50. So, I borrowed \$15 from a brother of mine, and [redacted] gave us this \$50 and something came up that [redacted] couldn't make the trip with us. And then [redacted] left by himself he got the \$50 from [redacted] and I had \$15 and we went to Washington on that.

What day was this, what day of the week?

We left town on Sunday afternoon.

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Just before we broke off on that record, you were saying that [REDACTED] and Sheridan^^ were discussing some dates, and as I understand it these dates were prior to the time when [REDACTED] got in his trouble, is that right?

Yes.

Alright, now what do you recall they said about it.

Well, they didn't talk a great deal about what they, in fact the only thing they did mention on this was, I believe this had something to do, it must have had something to do with the affidavit.

You mean [REDACTED] affidavit?

[REDACTED] affidavit that they wanted him to sign, while he lived there. Concerning these dates, prior to November the 17th or whenever it was that this thing broke in the newspaper.

You mean the thing on [REDACTED]

Yes, the thing on [REDACTED] They didn't go into any discussion while I was there because well, Sheridan never did, he just...

Sheridan was reluctant to talk in front of you?

Yes, he was.

Now, do you recall whether [REDACTED] said anything to Sheridan in your presence about the dates?

[REDACTED] dates are right, or..... No, when they got to talking about this, this is one [REDACTED] asked me would I go in the other room.

Oh, I see - and you went down to the store and got some whiskey, is that right?

Yeah.

And then you went away and came back - how long were you away?

I was gone about oh 30-40 minutes, I guess.

And when you came back were they still talking?

No, they dropped the whole thing when I came back in.

Whatever they were talking about?

Yeah.

And then they started to talking about [redacted] going to the doctor the next morning, and this and that. And then they had a few drinks and Sheridan left. He didn't stay more than 15-20 minutes after I came back.

And did [redacted] say anything to you after Sheridan had left as to what they'd talked about?

No. He wouldn't mention it - he said its just a bunch of stuff, but he wants to know about it - just this and that. And get it all straight. He wouldn't mention anything at all of the particulars of what Sheridan asked him. And I tried to get him to tell me, and he wouldn't tell me.

Well, that ends Monday, now did you stay there on Tuesday.

Yes.

Did you stay there all day. Did you leave the Governor's house at all during the day.

Yes, I did.

Was [redacted] sick that day?

Yes, he was sick and the next morning he went to the doctor. Tuesday, Sheridan took him downstairs to the doctor.

Did Sheridan come out to the Governor's house that morning?

Yes, he came out to the Governor's house that morning about 9:00, and Sheridan and [redacted] went downstairs and went to the doctor. [redacted] got some medicine, and Sheridan got him some medicine, and he went on back to the room, and Sheridan brought it up there and told him that he was going down to Washington, and to meet with these two lawyers, and he wanted to set up a meeting for 1:00. And asked if that would be okay and he said yes. So, about 12:00 [redacted] asked me if I didn't have anything to do, someplace to go, while they talked to these lawyers. And I said I don't have anyplace to go, and I said if nothing else, I can go to DC and look around. I said I want to see the Tension building anyway - the headquarters. And he said well, why don't you drive down now and look around, and give me a couple of three hours while I talk to these lawyers. So, I said alright.

So you say that morning that Sheridan took [redacted] to Sheridan's doctor. Was that doctor in the same building?

Yes he was.

And they went down there together... you didn't go with them?

No.

Did [redacted] come back alone?

No, they both came back together.

Where did they get the medicine, do you know?

Yeah, they got the medicine from this drug store there in the Governor's house, they've got a drug store and they got a prescription.

And so [redacted] and Sheridan came back up and did Sheridan then leave?

He left right then.

And he said that there would be an appointment at 1:00.

Yes.

Alright, you remained with [redacted] how long?

Up until 12:00. We had some coffee, we were down in the restaurant in the basement of the Governor's house. We had some coffee and then me and him went back upstairs to the room. And he asked me would I go down to the drugstore to get him the medicine.

Did he have a prescription?

I can't remember what kind it was, it was some kind of an inhaler he used. I don't know whether he had a prescription...I don't believe he did. He told him to take some kind of pills that I got down there, but I don't believe it was prescription.

Now I had understood you to say that Sheridan got him the medicine.

No, I didn't say that. He and Sheridan went down to the doctor's office, and he came back I said they came back together when actually he walked in first and left about 30 seconds before Sheridan came in...and Sheridan came in and handed him this thing that the Doctor said for him to buy. That's the way it was. And then Sheridan told him that he had to leave and left, and gave him this piece of paper and then we went to the room and I took his piece of paper down to the drug store and bought him whatever it was.

That was somewhere around 9:30-10:00, or so? And you stayed with [redacted] until around 12:00.

Well, I didn't leave until about 12:30.

Did you have any discussion with him during that period?

Well, I just asked him, what I was trying to find out for myself was what these lawyers were coming there for and all this, but he never would give me an answer anyway. He just told me that he



wanted to talk over some things that between him and Sheridan.

Alright, so you left and what time did you come back?

I came back at 3:00.

Were the lawyers still there?

They were still in the room.

Did they introduce you to them?

No. Sheridan came to the door, and asked me would I get a cup of coffee, that they'd be there another 30 minutes. So I told them yeah. I went back down to the restaurant, and drank a cup of coffee and came back in about 20 minutes, and knocked on the door and Sheridan said they were ready to leave but it'd be about another 10 minutes. So I said alright, so I walked up to the coke machine that was in between the floors, and I got a coca-cola, and I just stood there waiting for them to leave. Until about 10 minutes later, they came walking down the hall and left.

Did you see these two lawyers?

Yes, I saw them.

Would you know them if you saw them again?

I don't know I'll tell you how I saw them...when they walked out the door they just turned and stopped right and both of them had on top coats and hats.

They turned a sharp right away from you.

Yes, they just walked out of the room turned right and went straight down to the elevator.

Do you have a picture of [REDACTED]?

[REDACTED] I know [REDACTED]

You know [REDACTED] How do you know [REDACTED]

I've seen [REDACTED]

Where have you seen [REDACTED]

In DC.

When?

When we was up there.

Where did you see him?

At the Justice Department. See that's where we went to pick up this money. 7

And it wasn't [REDACTED] b7c

No, it wasn't [REDACTED]

Alright, now - that's where you went to get the 305-6 dollars? }

Yes, that's right.

Alright they left then around 3:30 or somewhere about?

Yeah, about 3:30 they left.

Did you see Sheridan leave?

Sheridan left with them.

Did you see Sheridan or any other department lawyers the rest of that day?

Yes, Sheridan came right straight back upstairs.

Oh, I see.

He went downstairs with them and then he came back up. When they walked off, I went on down to the room.

Did you have any conversation with Vic?

Well, I asked him did he get all the problems straightened out, and he said yes, and they'd come right back with the same thing - the affidavits. And I said well did you sign it, and he said no sir and I'm not going to.

Did he say if it was the identical affidavit?

I asked him was it the same thing and he said practically. I doubted it if they'd change it in some way, but it wasn't the way he wanted it changed. So, he said he wasn't going to sign, and he said that Sheridan would be back upstairs in just a minute he was just going downstairs to get these men to their car and he said, don't mention nothing like this when he comes back up here.

Alright, did Sheridan come back upstairs? 7

Yes. Sheridan came back up and told [REDACTED] that he had to go back downtown, that he'd see him in about 3 hours. Yes, he said he'd be back there about 6:30 or 7:00. And he got up right then and left. b7c

He only stayed a few minutes? }

Only 3-4 minutes.

Now after he left, did you and [REDACTED] stay in the room?

Yes.

Now this was on Tuesday, wasn't it.

Yes, this was Tuesday.

This was the 2nd day after you're arrival there. You arrived on a Monday, around 4:00, and that was the Monday after Christmas, right?

Yeah.

Now, between 3:30 and the time when you saw Sheridan again about 6:30, was there any discussion between you and [REDACTED] about what was going on?

Well, the only thing he would say at all was that they wanted him to sign that affidavit.

And that he wouldn't sign it?

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No, well we did discuss one thing, it didn't have a whole lot to do with that ... he told me that he was going to tell Sheridan that the reason why he wasn't going to sign this affidavit was because of [REDACTED]. His lawyer [REDACTED]. It doesn't make sense to me, but this is what Sheridan told [REDACTED] so he said well, this hasn't got anything to do with the affidavit, this is ridiculous. And he said, well [REDACTED] was a friend of his, and he asked him not to sign an affidavit or anything until he'd talked to him. So, [REDACTED] told me he said this is what I'm going to tell Sheridan. And he says I may also throw your name into it. And he said if I do, I want you to tell Sheridan that you don't think that I should sign the affidavit. Well I didn't want him to sign the affidavit, so I said okay.

Why didn't you want him to sign?

Well, if he had to sign an affidavit, he wasn't going to sign this affidavit since they wanted him to sign it. Because he knew that sooner or later it would \*\*\* and he knew - he would have signed an affidavit that wasn't truthful.

He said that?

Yes. So, and he said that if he'd sign an affidavit that he wouldn't have one way to go from then on. And that was strictly right on the government's side. In other words, he wouldn't have a chance to sell the testimony \*\*\* in his book either, he'd be restricted to one thing after he'd signed this affidavit and that's going right straight down the line with the government.

Record 14 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 4, 1965

Did he say anything else in the interim between 3:30 and 6:30? Up until the time when you arrived at 4:00 on Monday until 6:30 on Tuesday night? Had [REDACTED] said anything to you about the conversation that he had with Mrs. Wilson^^ that you had overheard?

You mean did he come back over the same thing?

No, did he say anything to you did he ask you to please remember it?

Oh yes, he told me whatever I'd done not to forget her face, he asked me would I have known her again, and I said well of course. A matter of fact, I even went downstairs and saw her and I sat there and watched her for about an hour - this was Tuesday, yeah, the next day.

When was that?

This was the next day.

Why did you watch her?

Well, he wanted me to go down because he told me not to say anything to her, for some reason after we'd got up there he didn't want to have anything to say to these people, concerning his \$3,000, until we got ready to leave. When we left, he never did say anything.

You had already obtained the information?

Yeah.

Did he or you make any inquiry as to the name of the person to whom he had originally given the \$3,000?

No.

He told me that he was going to find this out on the day that we left. But he never did ask...he said after we'd got home, that he knew.

He knew?

Yeah.

Did he ever tell you who the man was?

No.

Now, Sheridan^^ came back as I understand about 6:30 on Tuesday night, did he not?

Right.

How long did he stay then?

He stayed until about 9:00.

And were you present all during the time he was there?

I was present. All the time except for about 20-30 minutes when I went back to the liquor store.

And what time did you get back from the liquor store?

Well, he'd been there about 30 minutes.

What, had you run out of liquor?

Yeah.

How much liquor had you gotten the night before?

Just a half of a pint. See I wasn't drinking anything, him and [redacted] were the ones doing the drinking on the second night. On the first night, I took a drink with them. On the second night, I was about half sick myself, I didn't feel good, and I didn't want anything to drink, so him and [redacted] was the ones drinking. First of all when he first came in, Sheridan acted like he was in a bad mood. For some reason. Because I guess they didn't sign that affidavit or something. But anyway, he acted like he wasn't too happy. And [redacted] kept joking with him and trying to get him in a good mood and he finally asked Sheridan, did he want a drink, and he told him, not especially but if Vic wanted one, he'd send me down and get a bottle. And asked if I wanted anything, and I said no, but I'd go get them something if they wanted. So, [redacted] kept on, until he finally wanted a drink, he told [redacted] if you want a drink, ask if I minded going down there, and I said no. So I went down to the liquor store and came right back. And, when I came back they were talking about, well they was talking about the affidavit. He asked [redacted] why he wouldn't sign it, and [redacted] told him because of [redacted] [redacted] And he told him this doesn't make sense, [redacted] doesn't got anything at all about you signing the affidavit. And he said well I just told [redacted] that I wouldn't sign it until I talk to him. And he said well there's a telephone, call [redacted] So [redacted] called [redacted] and talked to him. And after he hung up, he told Sheridan that on the phone [redacted] told him not to sign the affidavit. So, this made Sheridan madder still. And he said well I don't know how good a friend [redacted] is to you but I've never heard of the man before and the reason you've given me for not signing the affidavit doesn't make sense. And [redacted] said something about, well that person just didn't think it was in his best interest to sign it. And Sheridan said well, it sounds like to me like you're trying to blackmail me or something - or this sounds like bribery. And he said, I want to tell you one thing about it [redacted] if you've got anything like this in your mind, or in

your thoughts, you forget it - because I'm not going to be blackmailed or bribed by you or anybody else. Well, then they had a few more drinks. And they got to talking about politics and things. [redacted] asked Sheridan, well [redacted] told Sheridan he said Senator Bobby Kennedy^ is not the attorney general anymore, said you lost your stinger down at the Tennessee, ... in other words, his political power. And Sheridan said, no, I don't think we've lost any of it. He said because the man who is going to take his place is \*\*\* (our boy too??) too. And said he's not going to be replaced, said Johnson^ is going to keep \*\*\* ; now this was back in December, and I said that don't make sense, he said well you just watch and see what I'm telling, he's going to be the Attorney General. And [redacted] said well I've tried to get [redacted] work \*\*\* by me through the teamsters back there and said they was supposed to be your boy back then and said they won't even talk to him about any work. And he turned around to me and said when you go back to Nashville, you go and see [redacted]^ . And you tell [redacted] that I told you to come out and see him. And I said well, that won't do any good, because I've already been out to talk to [redacted] once before. He said that's already you go back when you get back to Nashville, this time it will do some good. So I said alright. Well when they was talking about them losing this \*\*\* and everything, she hasn't told [redacted] in the conversation, he said, well we've got the [redacted] (name?), he said, we've got the [redacted] \*\*\* [redacted] (name?), he said we've got the [redacted] [redacted], and we've got the President of your local \*\*\*, all of them in our pockets. And he said, I don't know of anything else that you want around that.

Was anything said about the affidavit?

No.

Did [redacted] say that he would sign it, or not sign it?

[redacted] told him that he'd talk to him the next day about it.

He would talk to him?

Yeah. And well he told me that he wanted to call [redacted] back again later on. And Sheridan said, well you can do what you want. Vic said, well I'd like to talk to [redacted] one more time at least and between what he wants me to do and what you want me to do, maybe we can work this thing out - he said, I can let you know tomorrow, because I'm going to call [redacted] back tonight.

Did [redacted] ever say why [redacted] didn't want him to sign it?

No, actually [redacted] didn't have anything at all to do with it. He just made this up in his mind.

Did [redacted] tell you that?

Yes, he told me this: I'm going to tell Sheridan the reason why I don't want to sign this affidavit is because [redacted] don't want me to sign anything. And this was the reason that Sheridan came right back with a remark that just \*\*\* me. He said this sounds like bribery.

He said bribe or the attempt to get him to bribe [redacted]

Well, he said it sounded like a bribe or blackmail, I don't know which word he used.

Well, he wouldn't know the difference anyway.

Yeah. [redacted] got talking about Sheridan and asked him would he take a bribe or if he'd ever taken one and he said no sir-ree.

Who said that?

Sheridan.

And [redacted] asked him if the right money was put to him, oh! something else, that may be of some importance, I don't know, ... But [redacted] asked him what he was going to do.

Do when?

Well, what he was going to do in the future. As far as a job is concerned. He asked him was he still with Kennedy^^, Bobby Kennedy^^, and he said well he hadn't missed any paychecks. And he said well what are you doing, then, said he's a Senator in New York, and he said well I can't exactly say what I'm doing, well actually I'm between jobs. He said, I've got two jobs and I can't take either one of them until I find out what you're going to do and how this trial in Chattanooga is going to come up.

Who said that?

Sheridan.

Did anyone ask him what he meant by that?

No. He just made a statement that he couldn't take either job. Vic told me later on that the reason he said this was that they were afraid that [redacted] was going to sell this information and blow this thing sky-high and that Bobby Kennedy^^ was going to appoint or give him a good job in his organization and they was afraid somehow that they was going to bring a suit back on the whole Kennedy people and him and everybody concerned with this thing, if it was ever proven in court that the government had done wrong in this case.

What case?

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Either in the Hoffa^^ case or [REDACTED]

Did [REDACTED] tell you that Sheridan told him that?

No.

He didn't tell you that?

He just told me that this is just what he thought.

That was his opinion?

Yeah, that's right.

Now, we're on Tuesday night, the 29th of December. What, if anything, was said about the money that night?

Nothing, ... Sheridan would never mention anything like that in front of me. The only thing that was mentioned was the expense money and [REDACTED] told him then that we didn't even have enough money to eat off of.

When did he tell him this?

He told him this on Tuesday night, this night that we're talking about. He said well what are we going to do about food and stuff? And he said well anything that you want to eat, charge it to your bill. Just sign a ticket for it. And [REDACTED] said we don't have any money if we want to go for a drink, we don't have any money to buy it with. Sheridan give him, it was just a few dollars - not much, and he told [REDACTED] this was all he had. But he said I guess it was the next day that we got that money - yeah, it was the next day. He said, ~~tomorrow you can draw your money for expenses~~ he said you'll have some money.

Well, what was finally determined if anything on Tuesday night December 29? About signing the affidavit? b7c

Well, they was supposed to have a talk the next day and he told [REDACTED] to call [REDACTED] and talk to me and to talk to whoever he wanted about this and decide one way or the other what he was going to do.

Now, was that the way it was left that night?

That was the way it was left.



Record 15 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 4, 1965

Did [REDACTED] tell you on December 27 anything that had occurred between him and Sheridan^^-in your absence that day?

He wouldn't tell me a thing, he wouldn't even discuss anything, I'd ask him and well, he'd either refuse to answer or say that's not important, I'll tell you about it later.

On December 28, the following day, when I believe was Wednesday, what occurred that day?

The next morning he called Sheridan and asked him if he could get his expense money and Sheridan told him to come down to downtown to the Department of Justice.

Did you both go down there?

Yeah.

Where did you go when you got there?

Well the first place we went was on the first floor, right in front of the building, I don't know who's office it was, but [REDACTED] went in by himself and talked to Sheridan^^ and somebody else was in there, I don't know, they never did tell me who it was.

What time of the day was this?

This was, we got downtown about 10:00, the next morning. So they only talked a few minutes, and Sheridan back came out and spoke to me, I was sitting in that office, and in a few minutes, Bobby came out - in about 2-3 minutes. And when we went out, he told us to go get us a sandwich, that this man that was going to get our money for us had something to do and that he would not be back for 30-45 minutes.

Did he say what the name of the man was?

Well, the name of the man was one of the men that prosecuted this case, what's this lawyer talking about over here this morning?

Oh, these three men from Virginia. Well the lawyers that prosecuted them were: [REDACTED]

Well they have a crew of them they have [REDACTED], and they have [REDACTED] and they have [REDACTED]. Well they had somebody else there, but I don't remember.

They only had two - this other man was the one who gave him the money, the expense money.

Alright, well when you were telling us about Sheridan coming out of the room on the first floor and speaking to you, now what happened after that?

Well, [redacted] come right out behind him a couple minutes later and told me that they was going to be a 30-45 minute, let's go across the street and get something to eat. Well we went across the street and on the backside of the Department of Justice, the same street the Capitol is on, is it Pennsylvania?

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That's Pennsylvania Avenue.

Yeah. And there's a drug store that sits right across from the Department of Justice building, and we went over there and ate a sandwich and drank some coffee and we came back across the street and Sheridan was standing on the corner, outside of the Department of Justice. And we talked to him and this other man, who ...

Now this other man, now you would know him?

Oh yeah.

Had you seen him before?

I'd seen him inside just before.

Was he in the meeting between Sheridan and [redacted]?

No, he wasn't in the meeting but he came into the office and left, turned right around and walked back out - he wanted to know if Sheridan was in this office and found out he was talking to [redacted] and said don't bother I'll see him in a few minutes. And he left.

Was this person that you had seen go into the office on the first floor a fellow by the name of [redacted]?

Yes, he was.

Were you introduced to him?

Yes I was.

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Alright, you're at the point where you went back across the street and saw Sheridan and [redacted] Did they have a conversation then?

Yes, they did.. [redacted] told [redacted] that this woman whoever made up this - kept records for expenses for some reason or other they couldn't get enough money, cash money together right then and they had part of it - and another thing, they couldn't figure out the exact amount of money the expenses were to be. They give him a price of \$305-6, I've forgot which. And there was a misunderstanding between what [redacted] had told her and what [redacted] had told her. This woman who got the money used to work for Sheridan.

But she's in a different department now or something, but she told [redacted] just as soon as they could get the figure straight, they'd get it down on record that they'd get this money. She said that it would be another 30-45 minutes. And we left there and Sheridan said that he'd meet us back there, and we left and went right straight across the street in front of the Department of Justice its got all these animals and things in it - I've forgotten the name of it.

You went to a building behind there?

Well, its in front of it. Right straight across the street. They've got prehistoric animals and all this stuff.

The National Museum?

Yeah. We went in there and we looked around for about an hour. We came back across the street and went back in this office only this time, it was on the second floor. On the opposite side of the building from where we were before, and this woman gave us about \$305.00.

Was that in cash?

Cash money.

Had [redacted] submitted any itemized expense list?

He hadn't before, but he did before he got the money. And what was that amount?

The whole \$305.00.

Do you know what he had in that expense report?

He had the expenses up there and back, the motel room and food bill, telephone calls; I guess that's about it.

Do you know whether that was padded or not?

Well, it would have to be padded.

How much do you know that he actually spent on the trip?

I can tell you right to the penny. We came back home we had \$60.00, plus a \$50 to pay back [redacted] plus the \$15 to pay back to my kid brother. \$125.00. He paid [redacted] the \$50 back, I paid my kid brother back and we had \$60.00 - he gave me \$30 and he kept \$30. So the trip all together cost us \$175.00.

Did he put mileage in there, on his bill?

I don't know how they figured that, they left before I was sitting, and went into another little office to figure this up.

What was the mileage between here and Washington, do you know?

Yeah, its 670 miles, I believe.

So you totalled about 1320 miles.

Yeah.

At about 10 cents a mile that would figure \$132.00.

Yeah.

Alright, did you leave then after you got your money.

No we didn't leave until the next morning.

Well, what did you do after you got your money?

We went back to the motel, and well we just stayed around the motel. Sheridan came back out there again, that night, that evening.

What time did you leave downtown after you got your money?

It was about 3:30-4:00.

Were you with Vic all that time except for the time he was in that office on the first floor?

Yeah.

Was he ever alone with any of the attorneys other than that one occasion?

No.

You left around 3:00 and went back to the hotel.

Right.

And got there quarter to 4:00?

And when did you next see anyone from the Department of Justice?

Sheridan came back out there that night.

About what time?

About 9:00.

He didn't stay more than about 30 minutes.

Were you present when he was there?

Yes, and this was the time I told you before about him being worried about the affidavits about [REDACTED] not signing it, and when he came back this night, he wasn't a bit concerned.

Had [REDACTED] had an opportunity to decide anything that day?

Well he could have signed one when he was in that office for the few minutes, but if he had signed it, they just would have laid it down, him sign it and him come right straight back. Because he wasn't in that office more than 5 minutes.

What did [REDACTED] and Sheridan talk about, that Wednesday night?

Well they discussed the same affidavit over. But this night Sheridan didn't seem to be concerned about anything.

Was [REDACTED] still saying that night that he wasn't going to sign any affidavit?

He still said he hadn't signed any.

He said he hadn't?

Yeah.

Did Sheridan ask him to sign any that night in your presence?

No, Sheridan didn't bring it back up. Other than to say, well you can suit yourself about this, when you get back to Nashville, you get this straightened out with [REDACTED] and when you find out what you want to do. And you call me when you get back to Nashville and let me know.

Do you recall anything else that Sheridan and Vic talked about that night of the 28th?

No, it wasn't anything of any importance it was just talking back and forth. And of course Sheridan did tell [REDACTED] that night before he left, in the morning before you leave, call me and let me know that you're leaving and when you get to Nashville, call me and let me know that you got there alright and what you decide to do on this thing.

So, you left in the morning of the 29th?

Yeah.

What time?

We left early, about 7:30-8:00. We went downstairs to check out and they had a new girl that we hadn't met before, and this boy, that he told me later on was the one he gave the money to. It was there and this boy had to open the cash register for this girl.

And did you continue to see [REDACTED] after that?

Yeah. I talked to him the next morning, we got together.

What occurred then?

Well, from then on he seemed to be more interested in getting [REDACTED] to write this story. And he wanted to do it in a hurry. And for some reason, [REDACTED] put off writing anything, because I saw what [REDACTED] had written, and it wasn't anything.

How did you come to see what [REDACTED] had written down?

I went to [REDACTED] house after I had written this stuff down that I wrote now, to show [REDACTED]. And I went to [REDACTED] house and showed him this thing, before I ever showed it to [REDACTED]. And I talked to [REDACTED] about it and asked him if he was \*\*\*\* about it, would give this to [REDACTED] and the people that may of helped or would he just forget it and he said well, he thought if the way [REDACTED] had done and the circumstances behind this thing, that he would at least show it to [REDACTED] and ask [REDACTED] would he help him. And he said if [REDACTED] told me it would have helped him or anybody, that he was definitely going to let him have it.

But you continued to see [REDACTED] after this period right after the present day, is that right?

Oh yeah, I talked to him three days ago, I talked to him yesterday morning on the phone, and he told me that somebody had fixed it for me to go to work at [REDACTED]

Somebody had fixed it?

He told me that I didn't have to worry about it, that they'd call me.

Did he say where he got this information?

He didn't say. But [REDACTED] is in charge of [REDACTED]

Is that the fellow you previously identified as [REDACTED]?

Well, from the time you came back, up until yesterday, do you know whether [REDACTED] has been in touch with Sheridan, or anybody else from the department?

He's told me, that he's talked to him several times. He didn't say how many. I don't know who he's been in touch with, but about the 12th of January, maybe a little later, the 16th, [REDACTED] bought a 54 Chevrolet, and paid \$350.00 cash for it.

Record 16 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 4, 1965

Then did you drive directly from Bethesda, Maryland to Nashville?

We come straight on in. Drove all the way through. He wanted to spend the night in Knoxville and I wanted to come home to Nashville and we had a little discussion about it. And he finally said well, I'm too tired, if you drive on through, we'll split the difference on money that we got here on the expenses, and if you want to, you can go ahead and drive. And he said, so I'll stay overnight in Knoxville and catch a bus home in the morning. I said, well if that's what you want to do, you can stay in Knoxville if you want to, but I'm going straight through to Nashville.

Did he come home too?

He came home too.

He didn't stay in Knoxville?

No.

On the way back did he discuss what had occurred up there at all?

He wouldn't tell me a thing. He was more close-mouthed about that than he was anything else. Other than he would say that this affidavit was the biggest thing that they wanted him to sign and that he never did sign it.

Did he talk about money at all?

No, he didn't say a word then about money but, after we'd been home about a day or two, he said that he had talked to Sheridan, and even at this time, Sheridan was trying to get him to go to Chattanooga. He didn't tell me Chattanooga at that time, but he did say Sheridan wanted him to go someplace. And of course, later on he told me that Sheridan wanted him to go to Chattanooga.

To go back to see [REDACTED] again?

Yeah. Now this is the same time we went to see [REDACTED] but after we got back home, a couple of days later, he talked to Sheridan and Sheridan started right then wanting him to go to Chattanooga. He didn't say anything to me about that for about 4-5 days later.

And it was after that you ultimately did go to Chattanooga?

Yeah.

Now you came back around the 30th. Is that correct, on that Thursday?

I think it was New Years Eve night was when we came back home.

Where did he buy that?

He bought it at 11th and Woodland.- Krech Motor Company.

How do you know that he bought that?

I saw the title of the car.

Did he show it to you?

Yeah.

Did he show you the bill?

No, but we had talked to the same man about the same car a month earlier, and the boy had wanted \$400.00 for it, and he wouldn't take any less, and Vic told me that he talked him down to \$350.00. Now I haven't checked this out, as to what he'd got it for, but, he told me \$350.00.

Did [REDACTED] tell you where he got the money?

Yeah, he told me he borrowed it from his sister, she let him have \$500.00. And he's told me since that he's gotten more money from her.

How much did he say he's gotten from her?

I think this last time he said he got \$200.00.

How much has he said he's got altogether?

\$700.00.

Where does his sister live?

She lives [REDACTED]

Does she have a family?

No sir I don't think she does.

Is she married.

No, she was, [REDACTED] a couple 3 years ago.

Does she work?

She works as a clerk.

Where?

In the [REDACTED]



Did her husband leave any money?

[REDACTED] told me that he left her \$1000.00.

Was it insurance?

He didn't say; he just said that it was a couple of thousand dollars, that's what he said.

How long ago did he die?

A couple years ago.

How long has she been working?

I think she's been working 8 or 10 years.

Do you know of any other money that [REDACTED] has spent during that time?

No, I know [REDACTED] this well that when he hasn't got money, he's what you say dead for, he hasn't got a penny. I've loaned him money so his kids would have money for school.

When?

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Oh, all through this last summer. I lent him money oh, 15 to 20 times. He was flat broke, and his kids didn't have lunch money, and I'd loan him money. And then, he'd pay me back, when he got his check from [REDACTED]. But in the last month, I've yet to see him when he doesn't have a cent for gas money, money to go run around here and there. He's got plenty of grocery's. Well he's better off in the last 30 days than he's been in the last year.

Has he been working for the last 30 days?

He hasn't worked a bit.

Has [REDACTED] been back to Washington since when you went with him in December?

He just came back about 3 or 4 days ago.

When did he go up there?

He went up on a Monday.

What Monday was it?

Today is Thursday, it was a week ago Monday, and he came back on Friday.

Did he tell you he was going up there?

No, he told me he'd be out of town a few days.

Did you learn where he had gone?

He told me.

Where did he tell you he had gone?

Washington, DC.

Did he tell you why he had gone up there?

No, he wouldn't discuss it, he wouldn't tell me anything after this last time.

When did you talk to him.

I didn't talk to him, he called my house Monday morning before he left. He called early that morning and he told my wife to tell me that he had to talk to me that it was important. And he caught a 12:15 flight out of here by Eastern.

How do you know that?

He told me.

When did he tel you that?

He told me that a couple days ago when I saw him.

When did you see him?

Today's Thursday? I saw him on Tuesday.

How did you come to see him Tuesday?

I was at the Nashville Diner(?), talking to [redacted] and I called him. He had called my house the day before, and I wasn't at home, and told my wife to have me call him. And I didn't get in until late and I didn't call him. So I told [redacted] I said well, I asked [redacted] if he'd talked to him and he said Yes, he'd talked to him the day before. And I said well he told my wife to have me call him so I'm going to give him a buzz right now and see what he's doing. [redacted] said alright, we was sitting in the Nashville Diner, the diner where [redacted] so I called [redacted] and he asked me where I was at, and I told him the Nashville Diner(?), I was talking to [redacted] He said can I get with both of you right now? And I said as far as I'm concerned you can, all you have to do is come uptown. And he said, well talk to [redacted] and ask him will he meet with me and you across the street in the restaurant over there, said I've got some things I want to talk over with both of you. And I said alright.

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This was last Tuesday?

Yeah. So I asked [redacted] could he get away for a few minutes out of the office, he said he didn't think he could, for about an hour. So I told [redacted] what he'd said, and he said, well, it'll take me an hour to get to town anyway. And he said I'll meet you and [redacted] at 1:30. So at 1:30, I went across the street and bought a cup of coffee and I'd been sitting there for about 5 minutes when he walked in.

That's across from the National Diner(?)? What street is that?

Broad Street. And [redacted] something came up and couldn't get away for another 30 minutes, so when [redacted] came in I told him it'd be about another 30 minutes before [redacted] could get over there. Well, when he gets over there, he said I've got some things I've got to tell both of you. I said is it important? He said, yes they're very important. He said when I was in Washington last week, I'll tell you now and I'll tell [redacted] when he gets over here, and I said alright. He said when I was in Washington, last week I got some information and somebody had signed an affidavit, written an affidavit and signed my name to it. He said also, I got information that somebody has made 2 tape recordings of me. And he said also that somebody has written a lot of stuff down and given it to the union people. Well, I thought he was talking about what I had written down and I said well, what about it? He said well I don't know yet, I've got to go see [redacted] at 2:00. I'm supposed to see him at 2:00. And he said that's the reason I wanted to talk to you all right now. I want to be sure that neither you or [redacted] had anything to do with this. Because he said if you did have, then maybe there's some way that I can cover it up, or to get it shoved aside. And he said, of course that if you did have, somebody's going to be in bad trouble. Because I'm going to get whoever's done this. He said I'm going to leave at 2:00 to meet with [redacted] and I'm going to have him pick up, arrest anybody that's had to do with me concerning him. And I said well if I thought somebody was bothering me or worrying me, I said I'd go see him.

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Did he say anything else?

Nope, we just talked a few minutes, and he told me, are you sure you haven't said anything, I said no, he asked if I've signed anything, I said no, you haven't written anything, I said no, and he said well that's good and I'm going to ask [REDACTED] the same thing and if he says he hasn't then I'm going to [REDACTED] and I'm going to have someone take care of whoever done it. b7c

Did he say where he'd gotten this information?

He didn't say where, he said he'd gotten it in Washington.

Did he say whether he'd seen Sheridan^^ there?

Yeah.

Did he say whether he'd seen anybody else?

No, I asked him again, did he sign the affidavit, and he said no. But I believe now that he had.

What makes you think so?

Well, he talks and acts like he has. See, before he took an attitude that he was going to sell any information, that he could to anybody that would buy it, if they'd come up with a price. Since the first of the year, since January, well since we came back from Washington, or since we came back from Chattanooga, he's taken a different attitude. He's taken the attitude that unless its right, or unless its going along with the government, he's not going to have anything to do with it. He's even made this statement: He told me he said well, so and so, called them some vial words, have messed me out of making a lot of money and he said now I wouldn't do anything for them if I could he said I'm just going to sit right back and let everyone of them \*\*\*.

What was he, did he mention any names when he said so and so?

Well, he was referring to [REDACTED]^^ and Jimmy Hoffa^^ b7c

Did he mention those names?

Yes, he has.

I understand that he came back here griping about three things. That somebody had signed his name to an affidavit, that there were supposedly a couple of tape recordings of him and someone had written a lot of information down and given it to the union. Is that right?

Right.

Did he say what the affidavit was?

No.

Did he say where the affidavit had been, whether the affidavit had been filed anywhere?

He said that the government had it.

The government had an affidavit.

Either the government had it or they knew about it.

They knew about an affidavit signed by [REDACTED]

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Signed by him.

Interesting.

And he said that if they can prove by handwriting experts or who signed his signature -

They had compared the signature?

From the way he talked, they had.

Did he say what the tape recordings were?

No, he doesn't know.

Did he say they were tape recordings of him?

Of him.

Did he say where the tape recordings were supposed to of been made?

No, he thinks there were made in [REDACTED] office.

Did he suspect that the governor's house might have been wired?

No, he never mentioned it.

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Did he merely suspect that it was in [REDACTED] office or did he say he was told that they were in [REDACTED] office?

No, he just thought they had, he even asked me had I ever made a recording, and I told him no. And he asked [REDACTED] have you ever made a recording on me? Or do you know of any that's been made on me?

And [REDACTED] told him No.

May I ask this? Didn't you go with [REDACTED] when he was going to see [REDACTED]

I went with him almost every time he went  
4 or 5 times you went.

Now, when he told you these things was this before ~~came to the restaurant or afterwards?~~

No, it was before.

Did he say what the nature of the writings were that he believed  
had been turned over to the union?

He didn't say what the nature of them was, but he seemed to think  
that it may hurt him in some way. And he seemed to think or point  
the record at me, but he wouldn't do it, not necessarily me, but it  
would have to be someone who was close to him and knew some of the  
things that had gone on. He's nervous all the time, and he  
couldn't hardly hold a cup of coffee when I was talking to him  
about this.

He was upset.

Yes, very upset.

Did he say what kind of writings or papers had been turned over to  
the union people?

No, when he was talking about this stuff, he just said that a lot  
of things had been written down concerning this whole thing from  
the beginning to end, in other words just more or less what I'd  
wrote down. And he said that either you, ~~or~~ or somebody knows  
something about this almost had to write this stuff down. But like  
I was saying, although I don't think he has anything connected with  
it, at least he acts that to me.

You say, you don't think he's ever seen anything?

No.

Just the information that he said he had, is that right?

Yeah.

Now, did he ask you whether you thought ~~right~~ might have turned it  
over?

Yes he did.

What did you say?

I told him no, I didn't think ~~had~~ had.

Now, was that all that had occurred that time? Did Sam [redacted] come into the restaurant?

Yeah, [redacted] came back in a few minutes later, and he went over the same thing with [redacted] as he had with me.

Were you present?

Yeah, [redacted] seemed to be awfully nervous, because of one thing, he said that he'd paid him \$500 and worked for him.

He told [redacted] that?

Yeah, well [redacted] asked him about that.

Was [redacted] the one who first brought up the \$500.00, or was it [redacted] b7c

Well, [redacted] asked [redacted] had he gotten any money; he asked me first, had anybody paid me any money, give me any money, and I said no sir-ree. Has anybody offered you any money? I said no sir-ree. Well then when [redacted] came in, he asked [redacted] the same thing. And when he asked Sam has anybody offered him any money or given him any money or paid him anything, [redacted] said yeah. Said I got \$500.00 for doing some work for [redacted], it was particularly legal, wasn't nothing wrong with it he wanted me to get some information about prejudice something in this trial and he said that's what that was about. And he said I'm thinking very seriously about giving it back to [redacted]. And [redacted] said well I wouldn't do that. He said if I got \$500.00 from him, I'd keep it. Said if you haven't done anything wrong, you haven't broken any laws \*\*\*\*. And he asked me about it and I said you can suit yourself about this, but you haven't done anything wrong, if you just work with somebody and they pay you for it, then I don't see anything wrong with that. So he said well, he guess he wouldn't then.

Did he ask [redacted] whether he knew of any tape recordings or anything?

Yeah, he asked [redacted] had he ever made a recording of him. He asked him if he knew of anybody who had .. he asked him the same identical things that he had asked me before [redacted] got there - word for word almost.

Did he ask [redacted] whether he'd turned over any of the things he'd written to the union?

Yes he did. He asked [redacted] if [redacted] had ever shown anybody anything that he'd written, and Sam told him no.

Now that was last Tuesday, you say, that was the 2nd of February, right? Have you seen [redacted] since?

No.

Have you heard from him since?

He called me yesterday morning and told me about this job at [REDACTED]

Did you check with [REDACTED]?

I called [REDACTED] yesterday - and they told me to call them back later on. Of course, I've already called \*\*\*\*, so I guess I'll call again.



Record 18 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 5, 1965

"The first 17 records were on February 4, this is February 5th at 20 minutes until 11:00 a.m. - Nashville time."

Now, [REDACTED] yesterday during the course of our discussions, you were going to check several things. You were going to check, number one, you were going to bring us some notes that you had, on different dates and also you were going to check some names and try to refresh your recollection on exactly a few things that you were not clear on yesterday. Now, have you got your notes with you?

Yes. I've got them.

Alright now, is there anything in those notes that you think would refresh your recollection, that you would want to correct any dates that you had previously given to us.

Well, yesterday we were talking about dates of going to Washington and Chattanooga and different places. In our conversation yesterday, we had some dates different than what I've got down here. Me and [REDACTED] went to Washington on December 27th.

That's the date you gave us yesterday.

Was it?

No, I think he gave us the 28th. [REDACTED] said this)

No, he said Sunday the 27th and he arrived there on Monday at 4:00 on the 28th.

Well, on the trip to Chattanooga, we left here before Christmas on Saturday, December the 19th.

Now yesterday, you had mentioned that that occurred sometime in January, as I recall.

I believe I did, yeah.

After you and [REDACTED] had gone to Washington, and now is that the trip you are referring to wherein you went to Chattanooga and went to the office of a lawyer named [REDACTED]?

Right.

So that occurred on the 19th of December instead of in January?

Instead of January, yeah.

Now, the note that you are reading from, when did you make that note? Do you recall?

I made this about the 15th of January.

Well how then did you fix the date of December 19th, as the date for the trip to Chattanooga?

Well, it was about a week before we left to go to Washington, when we went to Chattanooga, and I just checked the date back.

I see. Now, do you have any other dates there?

Well on the trip that we were talking about Vic going to Washington, early in January-it was December the 10th.

No, I think you that you had referred to that as a trip early in December, not in January.

That's right early in December.

And that was on December 10th is that correct?

That's right.

Now that was the trip that he took by himself, is that correct?

Yes.

And you're referring to the trip when he took the train to Washington, is that correct?

That's right.

Now, do you have any other notes? When did you make that note? Do you recall?

I made it on the same day that I made these others.

That was sometime around January 15, is that right?

That's right.

Now, do you have any other dates there?

No, those are the only dates I have at this time.

Now do you have any other notes there that would refresh your recollection on any of the matters that we discussed yesterday?

Well, did we discuss this about our ticket?

I'll come to that later on.

Now you said yesterday that you tried to get the name of that restaurant that you waited in when [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] or Wingo<sup>^^</sup> met in that Ford Drive Inn.

Yes sir, they met in the Ford Drive Inn and I came back from home right directly across the street to a restaurant by the name of Towns. Its at 411 Gallery Road.

Alright, now does that clear up everything that we discussed yesterday? The indefinite parts that we discussed yesterday.

He had said that he would refer to the \*\*\* of [redacted] driver; [redacted] car license number. And that doesn't appear in the recordings made yesterday. He had made a note to that number and then looking in his pocketbook, found it last night, but we didn't put that on any of the records.

Do you recall what that number was?

That number is 1N82-55.

When did you make the note of that?

I made that note the same day that I saw [redacted] and [redacted] across the street.

Did we have anything else open from yesterday? Now [redacted], I want to talk to you about [redacted] financial condition, so far as you know it, from commencing in February in 1964, up until early December of 1964. And you recall that yesterday that we covered his financial situation from about December the 1st until present day - but we didn't cover that area between when you first returned from Indianapolis, up until around the first week in December of 1964. Now when you first came back to Nashville, where was Vic working?

[redacted] wasn't working at all.

He wasn't working.

No sir.

Do you know how he was getting money to live?

Yes sir, he was drawing checks from [redacted].

He was on [redacted] payroll, was that it?

Yes sir.

But he was not working.

No sir, he never worked all year.

In all that period, from February until December he did not work, to your knowledge.

Well, yes he did work for about 8-10 weeks.

When was that?

It was in the latter part of the year, he worked a small plant in Franklin, Tennessee.

Was that after he left the police department?

No, it was while he was on the police department.

While he was on the police department, he was still drawing checks from the police department but he was working someplace else also, is that right?

In Franklin, Tennessee.

In Franklin, Tennessee. What plant was it, do you know?

I don't know the name of it, but it's a ribbon plant.

What was he doing there, do you know?

No sir, I don't. He was I guess just labor - a labor job.

Was that a day job?

No sir, he worked nights.

What hours did he work?

He worked from about 4 in the evening until 12 midnight.

And do you know how much he was drawing there?

No, I don't,...it was about a dollar and 10 cents an hour. He worked through an employment agency, out here on Hayes Street, its called Manpower. Manpower got him a job, and he drew his money through them.

Was that before [REDACTED] trial, or after [REDACTED] trial?

That was after [REDACTED] trial.

Was that during the summer?

Well, I would say in the fall of the year.

Now, other than that one job, did he have any other source of income that you know of?

None that I know of, no.

Now during this \*\*\* did you ever see him with any substantial amounts of money or checks on him?

No sir, he seemed to always be broke.

Now, to your knowledge was he ever in the possession of any checks during that period?

Yes, he drew this one check that I saw him get through the mail - \$500.00.

When was that?

It was about 3 or 4 weeks after [REDACTED] trial.

And how did you come to learn about it?

I was in his house when the postman left the check.

What did he say, if anything, when he got the check?

He said it was money that Sheridan was supposed to send him from Washington.

Well, had he talked to you about getting any money, prior to the receipt of this check?

Yes, he told me that after [REDACTED] trial, that he was expecting some money and they was supposed to send him some, so that he could take a vacation.

Did he say how much he was expecting?

No, he said he didn't know.

Did you actually see the envelope that this check came in?

Yes sir, do you remember what color envelope it was?

It was a white envelope.

Was there anything on the outside of the envelope?

Well, I don't know, just as soon as he got the check, his wife took the envelope and done something with it, I don't know.

And did he take the check out of the envelope in your presence?

Yes sir.

Did you see the check?

Yes I did.

Was it a colored check.

It had some color on it - something like a payroll check - you know, I've talked about this one before - I don't know how to describe it, it wasn't just a regular check that you'd write.

It wasn't a check that you can fold up into 8 or 10 folds?

No sir, I don't think it was.

Was it a semi-rigid check? Like cardboard?

I think it was.

Do you remember if there were any holes in the check or not?

No sir, I didn't get it in my hand or look at it that close. We went straight from his house, oh 15 minutes after he got the check, we left and went straight to the bank, and cashed it.

Do you remember whether he put that check in his wallet or not?

I don't believe he did, I think he put it in his pocket.

Did he put it in his coat pocket or his trousers pocket.

His coat pocket.

Do you remember whether he folded it?

No, I don't know.

What did he say to you when he got the check?

Well, his car was broke down at this time too, and he asked me, would I take him to the bank to get it cashed.

And did you take him to the bank?

Yes sir, I did.

Did he say anything to you about what the check was for?

He said it was just for him to take a vacation, him and his family.

Did he say, did he tell you where it had come from?

He told me that it had come from Washington, he didn't say from whom.

Now did you go to a bank?

Yes sir, we went to the First Federal Savings and Loan Bank.

And where is that located?

At 3939 Gallaitin Road.

Is that in Nashville?

Yes sir.

Did you go into the Savings and Loan with him?

Yes I did.

And did he deposit the check, or what?

No sir, he just got the check cashed.

Who did he go to see, do you know?

Yes sir, there was a lady there that he knew by the name of [REDACTED]

Now when he went in the bank did he have any conversation with the woman at all?

Yes sir, he talked about her husband playing golf.

Record 19 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 5, 1965

Now did [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have any conversation?

Yes sir, they talked about her husband playing golf. He had just had a heart attack about two months before this date that we were in the bank, and she mentioned that [REDACTED], her husband, had had a heart attack and bought a golf cart. That he was playing quite a bit a golf and couldn't walk because of his heart problem.

Now, was any question raised about her cashing this check?

No sir, she didn't say a word, she knew [REDACTED]. She had known him before.

So did he have an account there, do you know?

No sir he did not.

Did [REDACTED] say whether he had cashed any other checks there through her there?

No sir, he didn't say anything.

Now you said [REDACTED] had no account there, when she cashed the check did she have the check okayed by any officer there?

No sir, she didn't. [REDACTED] talked to another woman first about this check and [REDACTED] said she knew [REDACTED] and it was alright and she would cash it. b7c

Well, when [REDACTED] first went in the Savings and Loan, he didn't first go to [REDACTED], is that it?

No sir he didn't.

He went to another station, another teller window?

Yeah.

And did he talk with someone there?

He just asked this lady if he could get this check cashed. And she looked at the check, and looked at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was standing right there and she heard the conversation and she told this other lady, I know him and its alright, I'll cash the check. And he just walked from that window over to the next window and [REDACTED] cashed it for him.

I see, was this first lady that he talked to immediately adjoining the teller window where [REDACTED] was?

Yes sir, they stand right together.



Alright, now did [redacted] ask for any particular type of bills or anything like that? b7C

I don't believe he did.

Alright, when he got the money, you then left the bank - the Savings and Loan, is that it?

Yeah, we went right straight back to his house.

And did you have any conversation about the \$500.00?

No, other than he was glad it arrived, he'd been waiting long enough for it.

What did he do with the \$500.00, do you know?

Well, he went back home and I know he gave his wife some of the money.

Were you there when he gave it to her?

Yes, I was. He gave her some of the money and they had already made plans to rent a U-Drive-It, to rent a car to go to Washington in, and he asked me if I'd take him to the U-Drive-It.

And did you go there?

Yes, I took him to Hertz U-Drive-It on 8th Avenue South.

Is that in Nashville?

Yes.

Were you there when he rented the car?

Yes, I was.

What kind of a car did he rent?

He rented a '64 Dodge.

And did he pay cash for it?

No, he paid \$250.00 down.

Did he tell them how long he was going to rent it for?

He didn't tell how long, he told them that he was going to Washington, DC - and that's the reason then they asked for that much money down on the car. Normally, you only have to pay about \$30.00 deposit if you take a car in the state and this far away ...

Can you fix the date of the time of the rental of the car?

The day or the time of the day?

No, the date. Was it in May, June, July?

I'd say it was the latter part of June.

Alright, now how long did [REDACTED] keep that car, do you know? b7c

Yes, he kept the car almost a month.

Did he ever tell you how he was going to pay for it for that month?

He told me he wasn't going to pay for it.

Did he say who was going to pay for it?

He said the government was going to pay for it.

Did he say the government had promised to pay for it?

No, he didn't say they'd promised to, he said they was going to because he wasn't going to. He told \*\*\* in the basement of the Federal Building here just plain asked him, when he was going to pay the balance of this car, and he said never!

When did this conversation take place?

This conversation took place about September-October. A great deal after the time the car had been turned back in.

Were you present during that conversation?

Yes, I was.

Now, have you ever seen him with any other checks or money, in unusual amounts?

No sir.

That's during the period from February up until December the 1st of 1964. Other than this other \$500.00 check...

That's all the money I'd ever seen him with.

Now after he got the car, did he go to Washington, do you know?

Yes sir, they left the next day.

Who?

[REDACTED] and his wife and his three boys. b7c

And did you see them leave?

Yes sir, well I saw them about an hour before they left - they said they was going to leave in about an hour.

And were at his house then?

Yes sir.

And did he say what he was going to do in Washington?

He just said that he was going to take a vacation, and show his kids all the buildings in Washington. And he said while he was there he would see Sheridan. He told me that he had an invitation to see the Kennedy^^.

Which Kennedy^^?

Bobby Kennedy^^. He didn't say whether or not he saw him, he just said he had an invitation to go see him.

Did he say anything about getting any additional money at that time?

No sir he didn't say anything like that, he said that he knew this \$500.00 or this \$250.00 he had, after he rented the car, would not be enough to run him until he got back home.

How long did he say he was going to stay?

He said he was going to be gone about 10 days.

And was he gone about 10 days?

He was gone about 8 or 9 days.

Did you hear from him while he was up there?

No sir I didn't.

When he came back, how soon did you see him after his return?

I saw him the day he got back.

Did he tell you anything that had occurred up there?

No, only that they had a good time, and that they stayed at the best of motels, and they ate a lot of good food, his kids had a good time while they was up there.

Did he say whether he'd seen Sheridan while he was up there?

Yes, he said he saw him a couple of times.

Did he say what had occurred with Sheridan while he was up there?

No, he didn't.

Did he have any money when he came back, that you know of?

No, when he came back, he was just about broke.

Now, I want to take you back now to around February of 1964, and ask you when if ever [REDACTED] started talking in terms of getting a substantial amount of money from the government for his work in [REDACTED] case.

This was about a week before he said anything about getting any money.

You mean a week after you ...

After the first meeting.

Alright now where and when did you have this conversation? b7c

We had this conversation in his house.

About a week after you returned from Indianapolis?

About a week after I met him - so it was about two weeks after I came back.

Now what was that conversation?

Well when I first met him, we talked about, he said that [REDACTED] owed him \$750.00, and that he'd like to get it. And I talked to [REDACTED] about it and [REDACTED] said he didn't owe him the \$750.00 and after about 2 or 3 days - of course, he asked me what I thought this would be worth to the powerful people, the information that he had. He already told me before, that he could clear [REDACTED] and Hoffa^^, if he just wanted to for the right price. And he asked me what I thought it'd be worth. And I told him, I didn't know but it should be worth a good deal of money to anybody to stay out of the \*\*\* if somebody could clear him of it. And he told me then that he had already talked to somebody else about the same thing, [REDACTED], an attorney, but that [REDACTED] was scared to death and was \*\*\* of this thing, and didn't want to have anything to do with it. So after I talked to [REDACTED] awhile, [REDACTED] refused pay any money to [REDACTED], refused to have anything to do with it, he asked me did I know of anybody else that may be interested? And I said the teamster people in Indianapolis. And I didn't know if they would be or not but I had to go back up there because some people owed me some money on a house that I sold. And while I was up there I would talk to a few teamster people about this. And I talked to them and they said well, if you had anything that would help anybody, they'd be interested. So when I came back, I told him, and he said he'd get back in touch with them and see what could be done about this thing.

Now did he at this time, ever say anything to you about getting money from Sheridan?

He told me that before, or just as soon as he went into this thing, that before he had made any deals with Sheridan on having him catch the people that were involved in all of this thing, that Sheridan had offered him a college scholarship, for each one of his boys, plus \$35.00 a day until all court procedures and everything were over with.

So did he give anything else, did he talk in terms of any lump sum of money or anything else of that nature?

No.

Well when did they first start talking about \$3,000.00?

Well, \$3,000.00 was first brought up, I guess the first time I heard it, later on in the year after he came back from Washington, he was broke all the time, he never had any money, and he kept talking to Sheridan, I guess, he said he was, about getting some money - that his bills were behind and that he didn't have money to buy his kids clothes and he told me one day that he was supposed to get about \$3,000.00.

Well, in the point of time, was this before he went to Washington in December?

Oh yes.

Was it after he had gone to Washington in June or July with his family?

It was after that.

And can you fix it anywhere in point of time between late June and early December?

I'd say the first time he mentioned was the latter part of July - the first of August. And then this same \$3,000.00 was brought up about 10 or 15 different times after that.

Record 20 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 5, 1965

Who did he say kept assuring him that they were going to get \$3,000?

He said Walter Sheridan kept telling him.

Now were you ever present when he made any phone calls to Walter Sheridan about the \$3,000?

Well, in phone calls and things they never mentioned this amount, they just mentioned money.

On how many occasions were you present when [REDACTED] supposedly talked with Sheridan about money.

Oh, I'd say 4 or 5 times, at least.

Was that in the period from June until December?

Yes.

Now, were you ever present when [REDACTED] made a phone call to Sheridan about money, prior to December?

Several times, when [REDACTED] would either call Sheridan, or Sheridan would call [REDACTED] at his house, while I was present. They would talk about money, they'd talk about his expenses and how he was getting behind on his bills, and [REDACTED] would tell him that something has got to be done, I've got to have money, and they would tell him that just as soon as possible, just as soon as they could that this would be taken care of.

Now, were you present when you actually heard Vic talk on the telephone about when he was going to get the money, is that right?

Yes, sir.

Now were calls made from his home?

Yes sir.

What is his phone number, do you know?

Yes sir: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] now when he would call Sheridan, would he reverse the charges?

Always.

When he called Sheridan, what number would he call him at, do you know?

No, sir, I don't ... it's the Washington, DC number, he had about 5 different numbers he could reach Sheridan at, including his home number.

You don't recall any of those numbers, you didn't make any notes of them?

No, but they were all in Washington. Several times when he called and Sheridan wasn't in, he would talk to Sheridan's secretary.

Did he tell you whether Sheridan had private phone numbers at the Department of Justice?

He said he had a couple of numbers that nobody else had, so I guess they were private.

Now, did he ever make any calls to Sheridan and discuss money with Sheridan in the presence of anyone else while you were also present?

His wife was present, I think, a couple of times.

Did she have anything to say about the \*\*\* ?

No, at times she would tell him, she'd push him at times, she'd tell him farther, it seemed when they needed the money the worst, she wanted money also and it was right after he drew his check from [REDACTED], they had a little money to pay some of the bills with, she wouldn't want to bother these people much.

You mean when he would draw his semi-weekly check?

Yes.

Did he ever make any calls to the Department of Justice about money in the presence of [REDACTED] that you know of?

I don't believe he did, not that I can recall.

Was [REDACTED] ever present when he made calls to Sheridan in your presence?

No sir, he didn't trust [REDACTED] too much as far as letting him know anything that \*\*\*. He'd made a lot of statements to Sam and around [REDACTED] but when he called Sheridan, he didn't.

Now, [REDACTED] does that cover all the money -

[REDACTED] Other than any information that [REDACTED] may have about some other trips to Washington, or discussion of trips to Washington that had been had before my trial, when he was telling \*\*\* that he made 80-90 dollars on each trip.

Well we've never gotten into that period before your trial.

Yeah, he made a couple of trips to Washington, that I know of.

You mean between the time you came back and the time...

Before [REDACTED] trial.

Yeah.

And he told me that on each of his trips, that he would make 80-90 dollars, he would clear that much on his expenses.

Was he driving up there, or what?

No sir, he either flew or went by train.

How many trips did he make?

I don't know how many, I know of two - before [REDACTED] trial, and I would say he's been to Washington at least 4 and maybe 5 times since.

Since before [REDACTED] trial?

Since after [REDACTED] trial. Two trips before.

Two trips before, that you know of. And afterwards, he made 4 or 5, is that right?

Yes.

And that was the one in August or July with his family?

Right.

The one in early December, alone; the trip to Washington with you around December 27; and the more recent trip, is that right? And you don't know of any other?

I believe between his vacation trip and the one in the early part of December, there was another trip to Washington.

Did he tell you he did it?

He didn't tell me he did it, but he told me that he was going to be out of town for a few days, and every time he told me this, he went to Washington.

Did he say where he had been when he came back?

No, he didn't, not on this one particular time - he just said he'd been out of town a few days.

b7c



Well, were the Marshalls continuously with him before [REDACTED] trial?

They were, No, he stopped the Marshalls about a month before [REDACTED] trial. And then they came back about a week before [REDACTED] trial. And they stayed until about two weeks after [REDACTED] trial, and that was the last of the Marshalls that I think he had with him.

Was there any Marshall there when [REDACTED] got that check for \$500.00?

No sir there wasn't.

During this period, of the time between February and May of 1964, when you would see [REDACTED] would there be a Marshall present?

During what time?

After you'd come back from Indianapolis, and before [REDACTED] trial.

Oh yeah, Marshalls were almost always present - they went with us to play golf, and they went with us to town and they went with us everywhere we went.

Well, when you were having your discussion with [REDACTED] were the Marshalls present?

Yes sir they were. He wouldn't discuss anything that we were doing, in front of the Marshalls, but anytime he wanted to say anything that he didn't want them to hear, all he had to do is tell them, you wait right here, I'll be back in a few minutes - and he'd walk off and pull me aside and tell me whatever he wanted to tell me and then go back.

Now, [REDACTED] went to Indianapolis with you, you said.

Right, we went to Indianapolis in [REDACTED] car. b7c

When was that?

Oh boy, I wish I'd kept these dates.

Well, it was the only trip you'd made to Indianapolis, wasn't it? With [REDACTED] and the Marshall?

Yes that was the only trip all three of us had made.

Well did you have any discussion with [REDACTED] before you went on the trip as to the presence of the Marshall on the trip?

Yes sir. As far as the Marshall knew, we were supposed to be going to Indianapolis just for a trip to see [REDACTED] Of course, the Marshall did know, he knew at this time that [REDACTED] was trying to

Now, we were talking about how you made this contact in Indianapolis. Now, you went with him to Indianapolis, didn't you?

Yes, I did.

And, who was with you?

A United States Marshall by the name of [REDACTED].

Now how did he happen to come?

[REDACTED] at this time was staying with [REDACTED], as a body guard, or something, he was staying at his house all the time. [REDACTED] was staying 12 hours and another Marshall was staying the other time.

This was before [REDACTED] trial?

Yes.

What was [REDACTED]'s first name?

And is he a Deputy Marshall under Marshall [REDACTED]?

No sir he's not under [REDACTED] he's out of [REDACTED] is his home.

He was detailed up here, is that right?

Yes sir.

Now, who were the other Marshalls, do you know?

He had so many of them, that I can't recall all their names.

Can you recall any other names?

No, he had one Marshall from Bowling Green, Kentucky. He had a Marshall from Louisville, Kentucky. I can't recall their name, but I know them if I'd ever heard them mentioned.

Well, during that period between; or when did these Marshalls stop guarding [REDACTED]

They stopped whenever he wanted them to stop - He'd just tell [REDACTED] that he didn't want them anymore and that he didn't think he needed them and then if he thought he needed them afterwards, he'd call [REDACTED] and he'd tell him that he thought someone was fooling around his house or something, and he didn't like what was going on, and he thought [REDACTED] ought to send him another Marshall out there.

get his \$700.00 that he claimed that the teamsters owed him.

Did [REDACTED] tell the Marshall that that was the reason they were going to Indianapolis was to get the \$700.00?

He told him that we were supposed to meet some people up there and talk to them about getting the \$700.00. And he told the Marshall that he'd have to wait in the car, while we talk to these people.

And did the Marshall wait in the car?

Yes, he did. b7C

Well did [REDACTED] tell you any reason why he told him that was what the purpose of the trip was?

He told me that he couldn't tell them that he was trying to make a deal to sell information, and that he was telling them that it was just for the money they owed him. While we were there, what he was actually trying to do was to try to show these people that he had information and he was willing to sell it, if they'd pay for it.

Well, what information did he tell you he had?

He told me that he could prove entrapment, that the government trapped [REDACTED] and also that this thing on these Federal Marshalls in Chattanooga, that they'd let a juror off when a husband or wife come up to visit him, and he didn't tell me all the things, but he said there's 8 or 9 different laws that the government has broken during the trial of Jimmy Hoffa and [REDACTED]

Did he say how the government had trapped [REDACTED]

Yes, he explained it to me, he said that anytime the government or anytime anybody came to claim a lawyer and his client that this was entrapment. And he said that the government had done this - with him.

He what?

With him, him being the person that the government needs.

Well, did he tell you what the government had told him to do?

Record 21 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 5, 1965

He told me that the government told him any information that he received about [REDACTED] or any other irregularities or anything concerning [REDACTED] to let them know about it.

He said the government told him, did he say who in the government told him?

He said Walter Sheridan^^ told him. He also made this statement to me, that in court records and things, the only thing the government ever told him was to report to them any laws that were broken or anybody breaking the law. But he said, actually what had been said to him was to report anything that he could find out or anything that would be of importance to them and to let them know about it.

When you say that they told him so far as court records were concerned, that it was only that they wanted information about law breaking - What did you understand him to mean by that?

Well what I thought he meant was, as far as any testimony that he was to give or anything that was to be brought out in the court that it was to sound like that the only thing he was to report to them was the irregularities of the law. Any violations of the law, but what they really wanted him to do was to give them any kind of information that would help them.

And without regard to whether it was breaking the law or not?

That's what [REDACTED] says.

Well did [REDACTED] ever say who had told him that he was to report any information of any kind?

Yes sir, he said Walter Sheridan^^ told him that.

Now, did he say anything else about what sort of information he wanted?

Well he said that they wanted to know anything and everything that happened concerning [REDACTED] or, what [REDACTED] was doing, or anything that he could find out - to tell them.

And did he say he gave them that information?

Yes sir he did.

Did he say what information he did give them?

Well he didn't say in particular, but he did say he told them everything and anything that he knew.

Did he say whether Sheridan had told him that if he was ever asked what his instructions were to say that he was looking only for illegal activities?

He didn't say that Sheridan said this, but he gave every indication that this is what Sheridan wanted him to do. Now he knew, in other words, what was right and what was wrong, so undoubtedly somebody had explained it to him, I don't think he knows enough about the law to know all the small technicalities.

Did he ever say whether he knew Hoffa??

No, he said he didn't.

Did he ever say that he had met him, or seen him?

I don't believe he did.

Did he ever say anything about hearing conversations in [redacted] office about what the plans for defense were?

He's mentioned it, yes.

What did he say about that?

Well he just said that he'd seen things and he had heard things around [redacted] office and while he was working for [redacted]. And that he had given them this information.

Did he say what the information was?

No.

Did he say what he had seen?

No, he wouldn't tell me anything like that.

Did he say when he first started reporting to Sheridan? What he saw in [redacted] office and what he heard?

Well in the conversation, he told me that one day while he was talking to Sheridan, that, I forgot exactly how he phrased it, either Sheridan had asked him or he asked Sheridan did he think that the jury, the test plead case jury had been tampered with. And they said yes that they did but they couldn't prove it. And I believe it was [redacted] that said, well then you won't be able to prove jury tampering in this case unless you get rid of [redacted].

And when was that? When did he say that?

He said that this happened a pretty good while before - while he was working for [redacted]. He said they'd have to get [redacted] out of the way - out of the picture before they could ever get Hoffa.

And did he ever say that he was reporting to the FBI, as well as to Sheridan?

No sir, he told me just opposite. Well he told me this: that him and Sheridan were together in this thing and just these two for a long time, and he said then they brought a couple of FBI men into the picture. One of them was, well two of them were FBI agents, that he said trained him how to use a tape recorder, how to get the best sound with the recorder, where to stand in front of the person, how much distance between them; he said they worked with him about a week, with this tape recorder thing. Practicing how to use it.

When in point of time did he say that this occurred?

He said this occurred about 2 weeks before he got the tape recorder.

About 2 weeks before he actually got the tape recorder on his back and talked to [REDACTED]

Yes.

Now, did he say who these agents were?

Yes, one of the names were [REDACTED], and the other one was ... (he didn't know)

Where did he say they worked with him in training [REDACTED]

In the Federal Building.

In Nashville?

Yes.

How long did they work with him - did they work with him everyday?

He told me from early in the morning until late at night.

Did he say whether they'd made tests on the machine or anything?

He said they checked the tapes out.

Everyday?

Everyday.

Did he say whether he worked with just one machine or more machines?

He had two recorders on him.

At all times?

At all times.

Did he say he had two recorders on him when he went to see [REDACTED]

Yes. Now I said two recorders, they were two microphones. One recorder, two microphones.

Where did he say the recorder was?

He said he had it fastened to his back.

Where did he say the microphones were?

He said he had a microphone on each pocket.

Did he say what the microphones were for?

He said that this tape recorder he had was made by one company that the government bought all of them, nobody else could buy this recorder. He said that the government sent him and something happened the first time he tried to get a recording...

You mean a recording of [REDACTED]

Of [REDACTED] And he said that the government sent either an agent or a man that works for the company that makes these machines. They flew him in here from Washington.

That was the very first time that they tried to get a recording on Tommy, is that right?

Yeah.

That's when he said it didn't work, right.

He said it didn't work and they sent this man down here to find out why it didn't work.

Now, did he say what the reason was for two microphones on him instead of one?

He just said that if anything should happen to one microphone, that the other microphone would take it up. In other words, it was just to be sure that you got a recording and he was trying to get it.

Did he ever say anything to you about being equipped with any short-wave radio microphones?

No, he never mentioned it.

Now so far as you recall, [REDACTED] told you, or never told you, that he had been reporting to the FBI prior to the time when he first made his contact with Sheridan.

He told me he hadn't.

He hadn't. Now, did he ever tell you how he first met Sheridan?

Yes sir.

What did he say?

He said that he was working for, the now its the old County Sheriff's Patrol. I guess the Sheriff's Department or something. Serving papers. And that the metro-government was fixing to take over and they were fixing to make a change, and they were going to fire him.

Did he say why they were going to fire him?

I think it was civil service, he had no civil service status and they were going to get rid of all of them that didn't have it and hire their own men, I guess, the civil service people. But he said he went and talked to Sheridan about a job to see what Sheridan could do for him. And he said that this is when Sheridan told him what they were trying to do on this Hoffa thing and [REDACTED] and he'd appreciate [REDACTED] helping him in any way that he could. And he never said this but he acted like the deal was that if he'd help Sheridan they'd help him.

They'd help him do what?

Well they'd help him get a job.

And in what way was he to help?

Well, from my understanding, he was to give him any information that he had concerning [REDACTED] or Hoffa - anything that he heard or anybody that he knew had heard anything or anything surrounding this trial. He told me that he was sitting at home one day and the telephone rang and he answered it and it was [REDACTED].



Record 22 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 5, 1965

He said that when the phone rang, he said that it was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I believe he said it was [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] is the [REDACTED]

Yes sir, and he asked him [REDACTED], and he said he asked them doing what? And they told him that as of right then he was on the police force.

Was this after he talked to Sheridan^^?

Yes, it was.

And he said that he told [REDACTED], I'm not sure it was Kemp he was talking to, he told [REDACTED] that he [REDACTED], that he had from the Service Department, and he said that [REDACTED] said that it didn't matter to him, [REDACTED]

He could wear what [REDACTED]? b7c

[REDACTED] old County Sheriff's Department uniform.

Did he say when this phone call came with relation to his first interview with Sheridan?

I believe he said 2 or 3 weeks after.

When did he start work in [REDACTED], did he say? Was it in [REDACTED]

I can't remember when, he has said when, but I can't remember.

Now, up to this point when he got the job [REDACTED], had he been out of work did he say?

Yes, he had been out of work.

Well, did he say how long he'd been out of work?

I don't know, undoubtedly it was a pretty good while, because he was broke. He said that when he went to work for [REDACTED], that he had no income - he didn't have no money coming in.

You mean when he went to [REDACTED] what time?

Well when he went to [REDACTED] - he told me that he went and asked [REDACTED] did he have anything for him to do. And that [REDACTED] gave him a job interviewing prospective jurors, I guess. And he said that when he went to work for [REDACTED] he didn't have any money and that his family, he didn't have any food for his family, so he

undoubtedly had been out of work.

Now this is what he told you.

Yes, he did.

Now, did he ever tell you whether [REDACTED] ever told him how he got this job?

No, he said [REDACTED] never mentioned it. He told me though that he had come through the Tennessean(?). Or that they worked it through the Tennessean, and the Tennessean called [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] called him.

Who had approached the Tennessean?

I don't know, he never would say. He said undoubtedly it was put out by the \*\*\*\*

Well prior to that time, he had told you, had he not that Sheridan had said that he would get him a job.

Yeah.

Now what did he tell you that Sheridan told him to do? After he started working for Sheridan.

Well at the first meeting, from what I understand, they just kind of had a deal that if he helped Sheridan, that Sheridan would help him. Now I don't know of any information that he gave Sheridan, but I just imagine he did or else Sheridan would never have gotten him a job at [REDACTED]

Well did Sheridan give him any instruction at all of what to do?

He never said, other than just any information he got to be sure and call him and let him know.

Well, did [REDACTED] say that he told Sheridan that he would try to get a job with [REDACTED]

He's never said this but just talking to him, I just imagine this took place.

Well how did it come about then that there was discussion about getting [REDACTED] out of the case? How did Vic say that happened?

From my understanding from what [REDACTED] told me, this happened on the first, I believe on the first time he ever met with Sheridan. When he went to talk to him for the first time, he talked to him for quite a long time and Vic said that he told him you can't, you won't stop jury tampering and you won't get Jimmy Hoffa^^ unless you get [REDACTED] out of the picture. You've either got to get him out, or you're going to lose this case.

Did he relate [redacted] to jury tampering or did he relate [redacted] when he was talking about [redacted] was he talking in terms of them not being able to convict Heria while [redacted] was on the case?

That's right. He said he told him that they wouldn't do it and that he could prove; this is what he told me.

That he could prove what?

That he could prove that jury tampering was going on and that he could prove how it was going on. So undoubtedly they had talked about [redacted]

Did he tell you how many times he went in to see [redacted]

He said he saw him almost everyday. Sometimes several times a day.

During what period was that?

Well, after [redacted] gave him a job. b7c

And, did Sheridan; did he say anything to him about; did [redacted] tell you that he said anything to Sheridan about some specific juror on the jury list?

Yeah, [redacted] said that he told Sheridan that he had I believe it was a cousin or an uncle or somebody on the jury. And he said that; [redacted] has told me this several times, that out of all the jurors, one of his cousins or uncles just accidentally got on it. He didn't say how, he just said it happened.

Well did he say that he told Sheridan about that?

He said that Sheridan knew it, yeah.

What did Sheridan tell him, if anything?

He never would say.

Did he ever tell you how many times he went back, to and from [redacted] Before [redacted] got in trouble, after he gave him a job?

He didn't say any time he said several times.

Did he discuss with you what went on there?

No.

Never said what [redacted] said, or what he had said?

He never would tell me this, every time I tried to find something out about this, he would just drop the whole thing.

Tell me, is there any area that I haven't covered?

I think it would be good to cover Sheridan's conversation about income tax and they could get anybody- that was done with [REDACTED] you see? Then I think that [REDACTED] proposition that he's going to have to move out of Nashville in order to be helped. That might be covered.

Well you might take a moment.

[REDACTED] is asking [REDACTED] questions now:\*\*

Alright, [REDACTED] were you with [REDACTED] during the course of my trial which commenced about May 25th and lasted until May 29?

Yes I was with him almost everyday. b7c

Was there any discussion between you and [REDACTED] respecting the testimony that he would give you in [REDACTED]

Yes there was.

What did he say?

He said that he thought the teamster people or somebody had made a recording on us at the Holiday Inn \*\*\*. He said that if they had, that he couldn't answer any questions that [REDACTED] asked him directly. He said that he was going to have to find some way to get around him, until he found out for sure that they had the recording. Otherwise, he'd \*\*\*\* himself.

Did he make any requests of you as of what you should say? If you should be called to the witness stand?

He told me that whatever I done, under any circumstances to stay with him and answer the questions just like he wanted them answered.

And how did he want you to answer them?

Well, we'd already talked this over and he told me that whatever he said to just back him up in it.

Did he tell you that if it did turn out that there was a recording, that he was going to give certain testimony?

Yes, he did.

What did he say that he would say if it did turn out that the Indianapolis people had made a recording on him?

He said that, well, we had already had this story made up well ahead of time after he thought the recording was made up, he said that we were to say that he was going to testify and he wanted me to say the same thing, that we only went to these people in Indianapolis, or the only reason that we talked to them was because we thought they was trying to get to him. He said he told me well ahead of time that I've got a story if they do get a tape recording of us that we can use, I'm going to testify that in all these meetings that we were just trying to catch more crooks.

Now, when the trial commenced, did you go to the court house with him?

Yes, I did.

Did he, on one occasion see an [REDACTED] at the courtroom?

Yes he did.

What was his reaction there?

Well, [REDACTED] seemed to scare him quite a bit.

Does [REDACTED] date a sister of a girl that [REDACTED] dates?

Yes he does.

Did he think that [REDACTED] was going to testify about that?

Yes he did.

What did [REDACTED] do, if anything about [REDACTED] being there?

Well as soon as he saw [REDACTED] he went straight back into the office, in the Marshall's office and called this girl. And he told her that he didn't think that she'd be called but that [REDACTED] was up there; and he thought [REDACTED] was going to testify to seeing him with this girl.

Did you go with him to the Marshall's office when he made that call?

Yes sir I did.

You heard [REDACTED]

I heard him call her and talk to her.

Now, as [REDACTED] cross examination got underway, did [REDACTED] begin to realize that there may have been a tape recording?

Yes he did.

Alright, now what did [redacted] then do with respect to you, [redacted]

[redacted] told me that I should go home and stay out of the courtroom. He said he didn't want me around because he was afraid that you or somebody would call me in to testify in this case.

Did you have any conversations with [redacted] or Walter Sheridan about the testimony that [redacted] was giving?

Yes sir they called me an office and asked me would I give an affidavits? And I didn't see any reason for it, because I didn't know anything and they said well, we'd like to talk to you anyway. And asked me would I come into a private office and so they could talk to me a few minutes. And I told them I would, and before we got to the office, [redacted] called me off to one side. And told me that whatever I'd done to stick with him and not to cross him up and tell him just exactly what we'd talked about before.

That was that you were really just making an investigation?

Right.

Course you knew that [redacted] had actually been trying to sell his testimony.

That's the only thing he was trying to do was sell his testimony.

Well were you with him to go along with him on that story?

I did go along with it.

Did you actually sign a statement for the government along that line?

Yes I did.

Record 23 - Interview with [REDACTED] - February 5, 1965

Alright, let's go back, you did sign a statement at the request of [REDACTED] and Mr. Sheridan^^?

Yes I did.

Was that to the effect that [REDACTED] had not been trying to sell his testimony?

That's what it was for.

Did you refuse to swear to that statement?

Yes I did. I told them I said I will give a statement, or I will sign a statement but I don't want to be under any oath when I give it. And because I said this, they asked me oh 8 or 10 times, and Walter Sheridan^^ stopped me before we left the room, and he said whatever you do, I want you to tell me the truth right now. And because I thought it would get [REDACTED] into trouble, and [REDACTED] had told me it would get him into trouble, I told Sheridan that he was not trying to sell testimony.

Had Sheridan and [REDACTED] more or less told you what they wanted you to say?

They wrote the thing that I signed and they phrased it the way they wanted to phrase it; well I never said a word about this thing that I signed they wrote it and they asked me to read it, I read it and I signed it.

Was it a lengthy statement?

No, it wasn't.

I think it was one page.

Was it one full page?

Yes.

Other than the statement that you signed saying that [REDACTED] was not trying to sell testimony, what else was contained in it, do you remember?

No, from what they seemed to want in this statement, was just this thing about [REDACTED] they told me that we're not going to use it. We won't use it, under any circumstances; but we just wanted this in case the government, [REDACTED] tries to prove or tries to show that [REDACTED] was trying to sell testimony. [REDACTED] had told me before, this is the way he said that he could cover up for anything that we had done. He said that on every time that we left town or anything that we had to do as union people that he would call Walter Sheridan and he'd tell Sheridan that I was meeting these people

someplace, or that me and him was meeting them someplace, but every time he talked to Sheridan, the only reason he'd give Sheridan for meeting these people, was the \$700.00.

Actually, I believe you had that meeting in Louisville, which followed your first meeting with [REDACTED] in Indianapolis.

That one and the one in Nashville, after we'd already gotten the \$700.00.

You got the \$700.00 on the second meeting which was April the 19th.

And he said that he told me the reason I called Sheridan and everything in this trial if they come up with anything we can say that all we were trying to do was catch some more crooks, we're going to testify this. And he said that Sheridan can't go against us, if he did, he'll lose the case.

Now, I wanted to leave that area, and ask you whether in your most recent conversations with Vic he has said anything that he's still expecting to be helped, we'll call it, by Sheridan.

Well last Tuesday, I met [REDACTED] in a restaurant right across the street from the National \*\*\*, and he told me that since his last visit to Washington, and his talk to Sheridan up there, that he felt that like right now they could do something for him. And he said the only way that they could help him, and would help him, was that if he left Nashville. 57C

He said he'd have to move away from Nashville?

He said he'd have to move away.

Did he say why he felt that way?

He said that in Nashville so many people knew him, and that a lot of people were watching him to see if he got a hold of any money, as to see if he got a good job, or they couldn't do anything for him, while he was in Nashville.

Did he say who said it?

He didn't say who said it, but he said whoever it was that said it was in Washington. He said he learned this on his last trip to Washington.

Did he say specifically where they might have to send him, or ...

No, he didn't name a city at that time.

Did he say whether they were going to try to help him in some other town?



He said that they were going to. And that they were going to do something for him and get him some of the help on some of the things that they'd promised him but the only way that they could do it, was for him to pack his whole family up and move out of Nashville, Tennessee.

Did he say he was going to do that?

He said he was thinking very seriously about it.

I was going to go back to the proposition having come into some money from some source, you said that he had borrowed some from his sister, \$700.00. You know of the car that he bought, and you believe that he paid \$350.00 for the car.

That's what he said, he said he bought the car at Craig Motor Company on the 18th day of January. And that he paid \$350.00 cash for it.

Did he tell you at that same time that he paid off his bill with H. Brown Furniture Company?


He told me that he had caught up all of his bills.

He caught up all of his bills.

He said that he'd paid H. Brown Furniture Company up and a loan company and Harvest Department Store.

Did he say how much the loan was?

No, but he said that all of his furniture and his car and everything were under the same mortgage, through the same loan company.

 I wanted to ask you, this may not be on the previous records - Did he tell you how much money he would clear on his expenses each time that he would go to Washington? 7  
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He said before that he cleared 80 or 90 dollars each trip that he made, but that the last couple of trips, he didn't get as much money as he had before and he only got 30, 40, 50 dollars. J

The one trip he took with you, you all split \$60.00?

We split \$60 and paid back \$65 that we'd borrowed.

Did Walter Sheridan in his conversations directly with you ever talk to you as to how the government can control people?

Walter Sheridan told me that if any person had ever had any tax troubles, that they could find them and that they could control this person by way of their tax troubles. He said that everybody made a mistake at one time or another on their income tax, and that if they did, they could find it out.

When did he tell you that?

He told me that when me and [REDACTED] went to Washington.

How did you come around to talking about that?

Well we were talking about the power that big politicians had over other people. [REDACTED] told Sheridan that he had lost his stinger since Bobby Kennedy\*\* was not the Attorney General anymore. And he told [REDACTED] that he didn't think he lost a \*\*\*, a \*\*\* in power, that they still control the government, and the state of Tennessee and several other politicians here and that not only did they control them, but they could control almost anybody that they wanted to, by this tax proposition.

The income tax threat that was going on.

Now he said that everybody made mistakes, or tried to cover up little things on their income tax sheets and that if they did, they could go back sooner or later and take anybody into custody over this tax involvement that they wanted to.

Was it that meeting that [REDACTED] was talking about going to be a private investigator and he actually threatened to call [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was the lawyer that represented the defendant for \*\*).

No, this happened after we came back home.

Oh, I see.

Me and [REDACTED] were talking and he said while we were in Washington, we talked to this [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he could prove that he was in the hotel the night these men were, and he said this would tear up [REDACTED] case by itself. That he could have been one of the persons that made the phone call, he didn't, but he could have. [REDACTED] said yeah, but you're not going to testify anything like that, I know it. Well, when we came back, [REDACTED] talked about this same thing and he said that if somebody were to call this [REDACTED], this lawyer and tell him that I was in that hotel, that night, and he subpoenaed me, he said that I could say this and show the teamster people or anybody else, give them some confidence that I was willing to go along with him.

[redacted] is asking [redacted] the questions for the rest of this document:\*\*

--- In earlier talk with [redacted], you had told of [redacted] telling you of how the FBI agents taught him to use the recorder, did [redacted] ever make any statement to you about whether the FBI told him what to say to me? Coached him on how to talk to me?

He said that from the time he started working with him, that it was just like a \*\*\* that they laid out lines on what to do and how to do it and he didn't say that they told him what to say, but he might as well have said this, by the way he talked, he said that everything he said, or he said that they used phrases of what to ask and how to ask so that it wouldn't sound conspicuous or that you would think anything about it.

Did [redacted] ever talk to you about the fact that neither [redacted] nor I knew some of the things that had happened that would have proved his entrapment of me?

He said that several things that if [redacted] knew or that you knew, all they had to do was ask him in court, and that he couldn't deny that he would have to ask him, he said that if [redacted] had asked him several questions it would have proved entrapment on himself.

Did he say what those questions were?

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No, but he said they happened 3 or 4 days before. Before this thing broke in the newspaper. Before your thing broke in the newspaper. He said that it was 3 or 4 days before, that he had either given him information or told him something or got some information to them that would prove entrapment by himself.

Did he ever discuss with you the 10 or 11 days that he worked for me and talked to me before they put this recorder on him?

He said that this is how he could prove entrapment, the time that he worked for you and the information that he had given them was entrapment. He said it was against the law for the government to do this, to place him or anybody else between you and your lawyer. Not you and your lawyer, a lawyer and his client.

But he didn't tell you any conversations I had with him?

No, he didn't say what they were he said that there were several conversations and that's how they could prove entrapment.

If [redacted] had known the questions to ask, why he would have had to answer and it would have proved entrapment.

That's right, that's what he meant.

I think did he not end the course of his conversation with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], didn't he tell them about the way the FBI had coached him and that he could tell the names of the FBI men who ought to be subpoenaed?

Yes he did. He said he knew them all and all they'd have to do was tell them their names and that they'd subpoena him and they'd have to tell the truth about it.

He also told [REDACTED] that Sheridan had told him that unless he could get me out of the case, he would not be able to convict Hoffa^^.

That's what he told [REDACTED]

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Your recollection is that he told you that he may have said that to Sheridan?

That's right.

But you know that he told [REDACTED] that Sheridan said that to him?

That's right.

# Memorandum



To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P)

Date 9/1/93

From : SA *in* [REDACTED] *ELC*

Subject: HOFFEX

Re interview of JOHN DOE on Current Affair Program.

SA [REDACTED] of FBI New Orleans, advised an interview of JOHN DOE, identified as JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, was conducted on 8/26/93. Mr. FRANCE admitted to the agents his story about being involved in the HOFFA murder was a hoax. FRANCE stated Current Affairs paid him \$1,500.00 and flew him to New York on three occasions. SA [REDACTED] stated a detailed FD-302 will be forthcoming.

SSA [REDACTED], Unit Chief of the Polygraph Unit, FBIHQ, and SA [REDACTED], Detroit Polygrapher, was informed of same.

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Date 9/1/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (P)  
FROM : SAC, WMFO (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
SUBJECT : HOFFEX;  
OO:DETROIT

Re Detroit teletype dated May 25 1993 and WMFO  
telcall between SA [REDACTED] and Detroit SSA [REDACTED]  
on August 30, 1993. b7c

All logical checks within WMFO Division concerning  
JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE are negative.

Since FRANCE has been located and interviewed  
within New Orleans Division WMFO will consider this matter  
closed.

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SUBJECT: HOFFEX; OC/DI; OO: DETROIT.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES  
DATED MAY 25, 1993.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF DETROIT, NO RECORD WAS FOUND  
IDENTIFIABLE WITH JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, DOB DECEMBER 21,  
1922. LOS ANGELES INDICES WAS ALSO NEGATIVE.

INASMUCH AS THERE IS NO OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATION  
REMAINING AT LOS ANGELES, THIS MATTER IS BEING RUC'D.

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To : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8) (P) Date 10/6/93

From : SSA [REDACTED]

b7c Subject: HOFFEX  
(OO: DETROIT)

Re SAC memo to SA [REDACTED] dated 9/30/93.

Effective immediately this matter is being reassigned  
to SA [REDACTED]

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Date 10/5/93

TO : SAC, DETROIT (281A-DE-67821) (C-8)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (281A-DE-67821) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT : HOFFEX  
 OO: DETROIT

Reference Detroit teletype to the Director, dated 8/11/93; and telephone call between SA [REDACTED] and Case Agent [REDACTED] on 8/31/93.

Enclosed for Detroit are the following items:

- 1.) Original and one (1) copy of an FD-302 reflecting interview of JOSEPH K. FRANCE, conducted on 8/26/93.
- 2.) FD-340 containing original notes of interview with FRANCE.

For information of Detroit, JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE, white male, date of birth 12/21/22, was interviewed regarding his appearance on the nationally televised program of "CURRENT AFFAIR," on 7/22/92. FRANCE, in this interview, alleged that he was involved in the disappearance of JIMMY HOFFA. FRANCE advised interviewing FBI Agents that statements he made on the "CURRENT AFFAIR" television show were fabricated, and that he was never involved in HOFFA's disappearance.

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FRANCE, as reflected in the enclosed FD-302, stated that he made up the story about his involvement in order to make money, as he was "starving," and suffering from poor health.

As there is no further investigation to be conducted by New Orleans, this matter is being considered RUD'd.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/29/93

On August 26, 1993, JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE was interviewed at his residence, 1230 St. Andrew Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, by Special Agents (SAs) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. This interview was in reference to FRANCE's statements that he participated in the kidnapping and murder of JIMMY HOFFA on the nationally broadcasted television program "CURRENT AFFAIR".

b7C FRANCE stated that he was never involved in any incident involving JIMMY HOFFA and that he fabricated the story he presented to "CURRENT AFFAIR" last year in order to make money, since he was literally starving at the time. FRANCE stated that he also suffers from ill health; and had been diagnosed with emphysema and needed money for medicine. FRANCE researched the HOFFA disappearance by going to the library and reading everything he could regarding this matter. In order to make the story move believable, he added incidents in his life that were true, such as his having met [REDACTED], a runner for [REDACTED] when they were both inmates at the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta. In addition to this, FRANCE related how he had done type setting for [REDACTED] at one time. [REDACTED], including [REDACTED]. FRANCE stated that [REDACTED] had killed a man, but had never gone to prison for the murder.

FRANCE told [REDACTED] Interviewer from "CURRENT AFFAIR," and a female whose name FRANCE could not recall, that years ago he was approached by [REDACTED] in prison and was asked if he wanted to make a lot of money. FRANCE told interviewers of "CURRENT AFFAIR" that this was how he became involved in the kidnapping and murder of JIMMY HOFFA. "CURRENT AFFAIR" was very receptive towards his story and flew him to New York on several occasions to be interviewed. FRANCE agreed to submit to a lie detector test provided by "CURRENT AFFAIR" personnel, because he thought that he could "beat it". FRANCE told SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he was paid \$15,000 for his story.

Investigation on 8/26/93 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # 281A-DE-67821-965

by SA [REDACTED] Jr.  
[REDACTED] GMN:kpp

Date dictated 9/1/93

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FRANCE also contacted "HARDCOPY," and "FIRST EDITION," with his story; however, they were not interested.

FRANCE stated that he has never been involved in any type of violent behavior, but has been sentenced to prison on several occasions for forgery, assault, and matters pertaining to his divorce.

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FRANCE was in the military in 1941, and was stationed in Hawaii, assigned to the 24th Infantry Division. In 1952 or 1953, he left the military and went to Baltimore where he was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. He was committed to two (2) state hospitals: MILEAGE STATE HOSPITAL, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1962; and CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL in Georgia.

FRANCE has lived in New Orleans since 1968. Prior to that FRANCE resided in St. Augustine, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia. FRANCE has an ex-wife [REDACTED] and one [REDACTED]

The following descriptive data was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	JOSEPH KENNETH FRANCE
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	December 21, 1922
Eyes:	Hazel
Hair:	Gray
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	165 pounds
Social Security Account Number:	[REDACTED] b2

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On November 8, 1993, [REDACTED] provided the following information to SA [REDACTED] b7C

Cooperating Witness (CW) advised that [REDACTED]

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CW advised that [REDACTED] claims to have been present at the MACHUS RED FOX restaurant during the time that JIMMY HOFFA was kidnapped. [REDACTED] further claims to know the identity of four men who were in the car, in which HOFFA was taken away from the restaurant, and in addition he advised that he is friends with a woman who was present in the restaurant at the time of the abduction, who later testified regarding what she had seen that day.

CW stated that [REDACTED] appears to be very well "wired" [REDACTED] having access to a great deal of information.

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*[Signature]*

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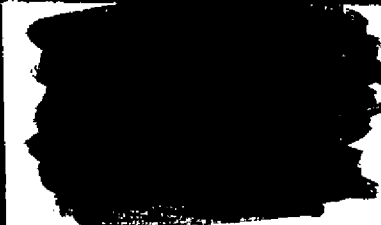
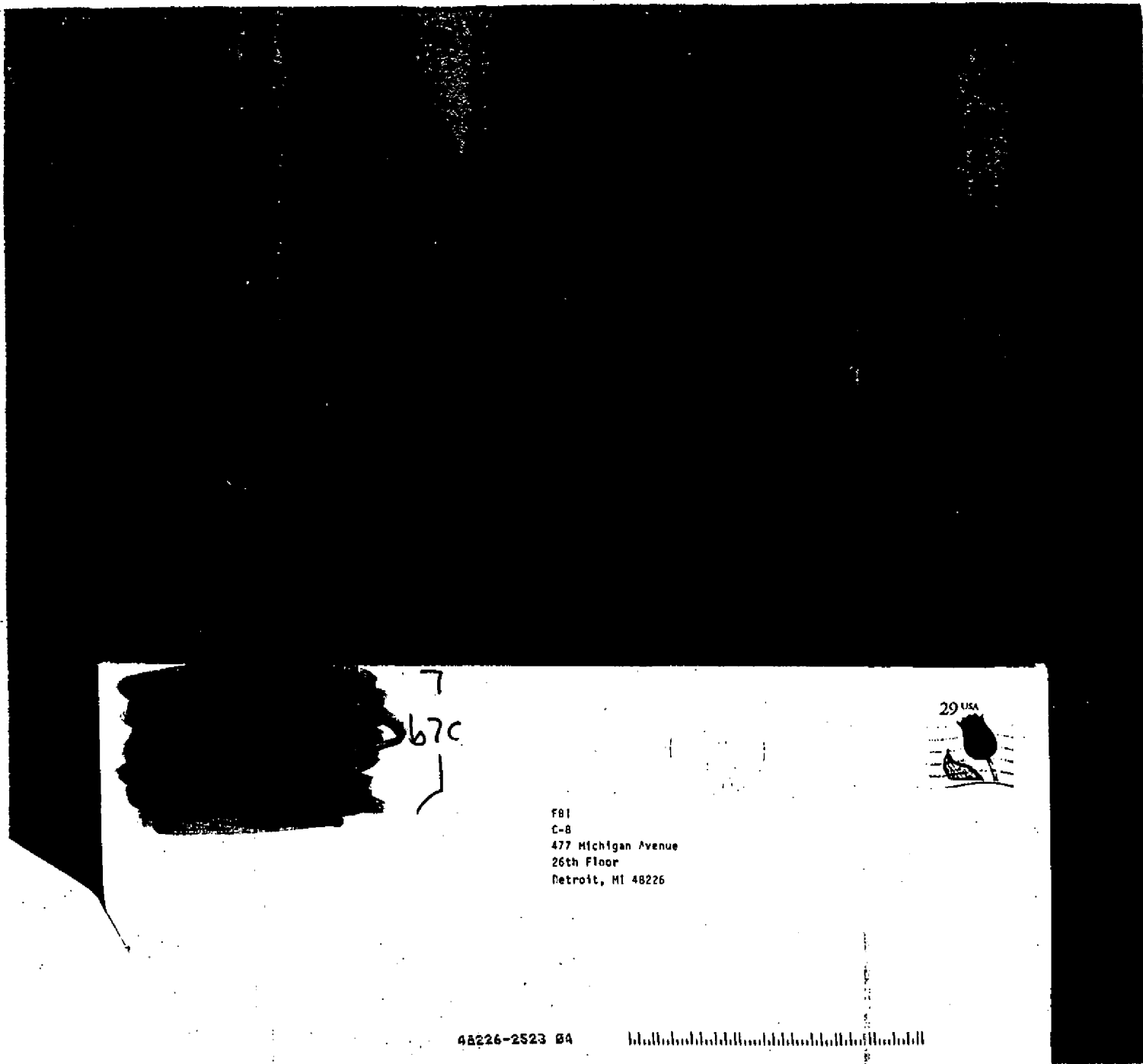
Dear Sir:

Having done a bit more research and thought of the possible whereabouts of Jimmy R. Hoffa, another place you might consider is under the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame. Per [REDACTED] at IMS, construction was started on that edifice after the race in 1975 and personnel moved in during April, 1976. Since Mr. Hoffa was born in Brazil, Indiana, which is near Terre Haute, Indiana, I would guess, at least the parents of Mr. Hoffa and Mr. Hulman were probably acquainted, if not the two of them. I find it quite interesting that Mr. Anton Hulman, Jr. died unexpectedly, about two years after Mr. Hoffa disappeared.

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Again, this is all speculation, but might merit your consideration. Should you have any questions, I'd be happy to talk with you, or meet with you if you are in the Indianapolis area. I'd be happy to travel to DTW, but I [REDACTED] have little money. I've endured horrible harassment for several years, starting with [REDACTED] and I am unable to work. I am hoping to move to a new residence here in Indianapolis in the very near future. I will forward my new address.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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November 30, 1993

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Dear Sir:

I called today to inquire about the Jimmy R. Hoffa case and was advised it was still open. Not knowing what is or is not important in cases like this, I submit the following for your review.

In spring, 1974, I went to the Holiday Inn, Airport, Indianapolis, Indiana to have a drink. I was [REDACTED] at the time. I met two gentlemen in the library lounge and we talked for a bit.

I believe this would have been a Sunday. On either Monday or Tuesday, I dined with one of these gentlemen. We had a most delightful evening. I never saw either of them after that. The man with whom I dined looked somewhat like Jimmy R. Hoffa. We did nothing more than eat dinner together and dance a bit at the restaurant.

[REDACTED] The company that manages this Holiday Inn and several others, including one in Terre Haute and the Indianapolis Speedway Hotel, is General Hotels, 2551 S. High School Road, Indpls., IN 46241, Contact: Jim Dora.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] Mr. Hoffa disappeared on July 30, 1975. Mark Donohue, a race driver in the employ of Roger Penske was involved in an accident in Austria, on August 17, 1975. Two days later he supposedly died. Anything could have happened to his "body" in transport from Europe. What better way to pull-off unsolvable crimes than fake a death, then have a high profile, powerful person disappear, with no trace of his body.

Wanting to find the roots of [REDACTED], I began to do research, first on Mark Donohue. I found that he was involved with some very shady characters. At one point he packed-up everything he and left his home because these people were trying to collect. This would have been in the mid to late 60's. I gathered this information from Mr. Donohue's biography, Unfair Advantage. Also mentioned in his book is a group called The Chosen Few. I have seen reference to such a group recently, I have reason to believe they are a cult. This past summer a message was spray painted on the east side of our Federal Building at Ohio & Pennsylvania Streets. The message read something to this effect, 'Waco-Pay back is hell.' I know there is a group active in Indianapolis called Crossroads. I understand they are a radical cult. They used to meet at the Murat Temple on New Jersey Street, the location of the annual A.A. New Year's Dance. I have seen pictures of Mr. Donohue. He has a strong resemblance to a picture of [REDACTED]



(See attachment 1 and 2). Also enclosed is a photostat of a picture of [redacted] (See Attachment 3) I did amateur photography in the late 70's and took this picture in West Allis, WI, I believe the year was 1976. I was going to use it in a book of poetry about auto racing. I sent it to the attention of [redacted] Per [redacted] office that picture never arrived. I also sent it to the attention of Mr. Ted Kennedy. One of two packages sent express mail in March of this year never arrived.

I've read two accounts of Mr. Hoffa's life. I found some interesting parallels and information. Mr. Hoffa has ties to Brazil, Indiana. It is his birthplace. One of the major banks in Brazil, Indiana is The Riddel (sp?) Bank. While working for [redacted] for a short time in 1980, I called on that bank about their advertising account. I was working with [redacted] a resident of [redacted] The first company which Mr. Hoffa did any organizing in was Kroger. [redacted]

b7c [redacted] Seems that Mr. Hoffa had a similar experience with Kroger as well.

One doctor my family saw when I was young was [redacted] I recently visited his old office where we used to visit him. It was located above one of the original Kroger grocery stores in Indianapolis. Location is N. College Street between 38th and 46th. [redacted]

In researching Mr. Donohue, I called Pennsylvania on our about October 4, 1993, to see if I could find his burial location. The person to whom I talked seemed very stressed. She asked if I was family. I said no. She said if you are not family, we cannot tell you anything.

I found it interesting that Mr. Hoffa had two children, Jim and Barbara. [redacted]

Dr. Torella "died" in 1976. Elmer George, son-in-law of Tony Hulman was murdered in 1976. Mr. Anton Hulman, Jr. "died" in 1976, the same night that massive heroin raids took place. Mr. Hulman's death was not due to any lingering illness, it was rather sudden. Since his death, it seems that the flow of illegal drugs has steadily increased here. I found it interesting that Johnny Desmond was associated with Indianapolis 500 events and the MAJ. I have seen pictures of Mr. Desmond. Some pictures of he and Mr. Hoffa look similar.

Without going into the details of all my research (will provide them if you want) I am skeptical that Mr. Donohue is really dead. Is there any possibility that Mr. Hoffa's death was a cover for Mark Donohue? It seems that the Hoffa disappearance started a war, i.e. Teamsters, Mafia, government all shooting at each other. It would seem logical in covert minds to make it appear as if Mr. Hoffa were still alive (thus disappearance, no dead body) to allow the true source of the problem to have a free hand. Could Mr. Hoffa be buried in Mr. Donohue's grave? The prison in which Hoffa served time was in Pennsylvania. Mr. Penske's racing operations are in Pennsylvania. Mark Donohue was from Pennsylvania, Newton's Square. Since Mr. Donohue "died" in Europe while racing F1 and had, in fact, lived in Europe for a year. If he is alive, I would guess the source of funding for his cover is European in nature.

Returning to accounts of Mr. Hoffa's life:

Per A.A. Sloane, Hoffa, pg. 401 "And most of the seemingly endless, if generally tasteless

Hoffa jokes that appear to circulate as widely today as they did in the immediate aftermath of the disappearance also focus on the Hoffa-as-mobster motif: "Question: Who was the last person ever to see Jimmy Hoffa? Answer: Jacques Costeau." Oceanographic Museum and Aquarium inaugurated in 1910 by Prince Albert I. "Films about the sea, notably those made for television by Commander Jacques-Yves Costeau, are permanently screened..." This museum is in Monaco.

Chuckie O'Brien delivered a fresh coho salmon to Robert Holmes, Sr. Who ordered the fish? Dictionary definition of coho: Earlier co-hue, prob. ~~Salish~~ (Chilliwak dial.) a comparatively small salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), native to the N Pacific Ocean and now widely introduced as a game fish into fresh waters of N. U.S. I suspect the coho salmon to be representative of one connected to computers.

Ironically, our text had a "Tony George" look alike pictured in it. (See Attachment)

Entry immediately preceding coho in dictionary is Cohn, Ferdinand Julius, 1828-1889: German botanist & early bacteriologist. In Sloane's volume there is one reference to the name Cohn, Roy Cohn, Chief Counsel of the McClellan Committee, page 48.

pg. 386, Even a further message from Hall to Gallinaro and Adkinson that the site of the Hoffa body would be marked..." Is this meaning Mark Donohue as opposed to marked in an identifying manner.

Barbara married a man from St. Louis. pg. 389-390, Andretta had further stated, according to Picardo, that Hoffa's body had been stuffed into a fifty-five-gallon oil drum at a Detroit terminal owned by the Gateway Transportation Company. The Gateway City of the U.S is St. Louis, home office to the May Company and Famous Barr. They operate L.S. Ayres in Indiana. There are weird things going on there. I suspect drugs and prostitution, both heterosexual and homosexual.

pg. 378, Tony G. was supposed to meet Hoffa at the Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Township. Was there code involved in this message. Mach = Short for Mach number = Speed of Sound = SOS. Hoffa drove from Lake Orion to Pontiac, MI, to Bloomfield Township. Penske Corporation headquarters are in Bloomfield Hills, MI, on the same street with Bally's Scandinavia Health Club, Outer Drive West. Penske is car owner for Rusty Wallace in NASCAR. Wallace drives a Pontiac. He lives in Concord, NC. His sponsor is Miller Beer. Penske Truck Rental and Leasing once had an address of 3700 Enterprise Drive, Allen Park, MI.

Mark Donohue used to drive for Roger Penske, Car #66, sponsored by Sunoco. Sun Co., Inc., is located at Ten Center, 1801 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Colors blue and yellow. The three primary colors are blue, yellow and red. Team Penske championship team is sponsored by Marlboro, colors, red, black and white. Red is the third primary color. Black is caused by the complete absorption of light rays. White is caused by the reflection of all the rays that color produce.

Hoffa was not a religious man, but wife and kids went to Methodist Church. Grace Hulman was a Methodist, "died" August 5, 1965. By dictionary definition Methodist is, 1-A member of any branch of a Protestant Christian denomination that developed from the evangelistic teachings and work of John and Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, and others in the early 18th century; also called from the methodical study and worship practiced by the founders in their "Holy

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Club" at Oxford University (1729). Oxford is the seat of the Oxford Movement and the Moral Re-Armament and Alcoholics Anonymous are both off-shoots of the Oxford Movement. A.A. is a brainwashing. In some circles it is misused and members are brainwashed into apathy.

Josephine Hoffa, by some accounts was a heavy drinker, probably an alcoholic. By dictionary definition the Oxford Movement is, A high-church, anti-liberal movement within the Church of England, begun at Oxford university in 1833; see Tractarianism.

Based on my experience [redacted] "doubles" have been widely used. See pictures enclosed of "Tony George." (See Attachment #5)

[redacted] Those possibly involved include Roger Penske and Mari George.

As I stated when I talked with you. I don't know if any of this has any meaning. I do know when people are afraid, they communicate by code in hopes that someone will be smart enough to figure it out. I once worked with a man, [redacted] He stated, "You make more sense by accident than most people do on purpose." He was followed on a regular basis because he was suspected of being an alcoholic. I think they finally cornered him at the Library Lounge at the Holiday Inn Airport. [redacted] That's the same place I met the "Mystery Man!" The events with [redacted] were in the late 70's.

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When my son was young, about seven or eight, he stated to me, "He's the boss up there and I'm the boss down here!" If nothing else, he certainly has Mr. Hoffa's attitude. I have suffered substantially throughout my life, but especially since [redacted] I can find no logical explanation for the problems I've encountered. Perhaps, if I did, in fact, dine with Mr. Hoffa in spring, 1974 or someone "they" thought was Mr. Hoffa, that might explain a few things.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
I know many people have looked at many sources to find who ordered the death Mr. Hoffa. Did anyone look at the Kroger Company?

This is not a prank. Contrary to what some would like to think, I'm not a nut case. My life has been a complete disaster recently for some unknown reason. I keep trying to find out why. In the process, I continue to touch the lives of other people. This is not about money either, although I am not opposed to money. There's something about dead men with no graves that bothers me. Sometimes I think I'm being haunted in my nightmares by some of this stuff. Use what you can and throw away what doesn't fit. Thank you for reading this.

God Bless and Keep You Safe.

Sincerely,  
[redacted]

Enc. (4) [redacted]

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P.S. There was an assassination attempt made on Hoffa's life during one of his trials. The assassin said a "higher power" directed him to do it. "Higher power" is 12-step jargon. Is Kroger run by people who are heavy into A.A. or another 12-step program?

In the late 70's, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gary  
Sandy was on the TV show "WKRP in Cincinnati." CVG is a Kroger stronghold. Of late, every time I see the 1990 version of "Tony George" someone I know or someone notable, dies and

[REDACTED] On the "Tony George" collage, the picture top center looks like him. [REDACTED]

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Thank you for reviewing this material. If you have any questions, please let me know. I have had difficulty getting some calls because of incorrect intercept messages on my line. If you wish to talk to me you might write first and let me know when you will call. I've tried to catch any typos in this document. When I review some of these circumstances I get very tense. If there are any I didn't catch or something that doesn't make sense, please let me know.

One final note, in the early 60's, 1960 or 1961, [REDACTED]

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# Fifty Famous Motor Races

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FOREWORD BY KEKE ROSBERG  
World Champion 1982

Alan Henry



Patrick Stephens



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*Front endpaper 1986 Australian Grand Prix: Alain  
Prost (McLaren MP4/2C) and Martin Brundle  
(Tyrrell 011) (Nigel Snowdon)*  
*Back endpaper 1982 San Marino Grand Prix: Gilles  
Villeneuve and Didier Pironi (Ferrari 126C21)  
Michele Alboreto (Tyrrell 011), Bruno Giacomelli  
and Andrea de Cesaris (Alfa Romeo 182)  
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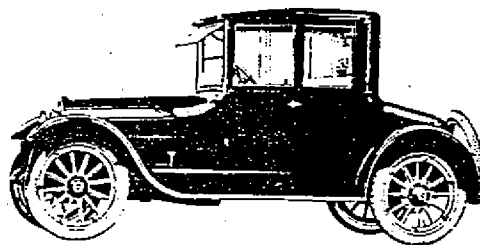
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# HOW DO WE CHANGE THE CARS IN WHICH WE RIDE?

BY LEONARD HOFFA

Mark Barnhart, president of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, is a man who has spent his life in the automobile business. He is a man who has seen the industry through its greatest challenges and its greatest triumphs. He is a man who has seen the industry through its greatest challenges and its greatest triumphs. He is a man who has seen the industry through its greatest challenges and its greatest triumphs.



B. Challenge

SO much already has been written about the energy crisis and what we should be doing. I'm almost afraid to add my "two cents" worth! Ever since the big scare last year we've heard just about every opinion imaginable. But as is usually the case very few of the opinion givers really understand—or care—about the whole picture.

Living in Europe this year doesn't qualify me as an expert on the whole picture either but I do see a different side to the problem and actually it's quite fascinating. I drive a Porsche in England. By American standards, it gets quite good mileage, even with smog devices. It costs about \$20 to fill the tank with low test fuel and after 6 p.m. gas stations are scarce. I spend more on gasoline than on food for two. If that happened in the U.S. tomorrow, there would be such a hue and cry from the "righteous" that a communist might make it on the next election!

HOFFA #2



## LETTER FROM LEO MEHL

Dear Fellow Members:

Changes since our last issue of Challenge have come as fast as lightning bolts in a summer storm.

The Goodyear Motor Sports Club now has visited many tracks and thousands of its members have participated in a variety of activities. Each new race track event teaches us something, and we have heard from many of you—both personally and by letter—with your suggestions.

One of our first-priority goals centers on more efficient completion of negotiations for paddock areas, discounts and other benefits so that we can get the information to you farther in advance, through our newsletter.

You will note that a special bulletin has been stuffed into this magazine just to give you all the details as quickly as possible regarding our October program.

By November you will receive our catalog of jackets and other club items. I'm sure you will be pleased with these items. We have made every effort to offer great quality at a genuine bargain price. These items will make excellent Christmas gifts.

A final note on the club operation: We have moved to Akron, Ohio—where all Goodyear's Racing Division personnel are located—in order to serve you better. Many improvements and exciting new projects are taking shape. The GMSC newsletter will keep you posted.

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Our club lost one of its most ardent supporters with the death of Mark Donohue. Mark phoned several times with suggestions for the club and supported us in all ways.

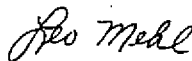
Starting on page eight is an article which Mark wrote for Challenge. It was hand written during one of the rare, quiet times in his hectic life. We are sure he wanted you to read it.

We, at Goodyear, loved and respected Mark Donohue. He was a race driver's race driver, an engineer's engineer and a man's man.

The following thought is offered by Bruce McLaren in the book, "Bruce McLaren—The Man and His Team" by Eoin Young. It is McLaren's reflection on the death of a young racing friend and it gives me consolation:

"... but who is to say that he had not seen more, done more and learned more in his 26 years than many people do in a lifetime. To do something well is so worthwhile that to die trying to do it better cannot be foolhardy. It would be a waste of life to do nothing with one's ability for I feel life is measured in achievement, not in years alone."

We extend the sympathy of all members of the Goodyear Motor Sports Club to Mark's wife, Eden, to his family and to Roger Penske and his organization.



Executive Director  
The Goodyear Motor Sports Club





ATTACHMENT #3  
WEST ALLEN, WI. ONE STATE FAIRGROUND



When searching for a personal computer, this medical sales representative identified portability as her primary criterion. She purchased a laptop PC because it gave her the flexibility to carry her files and the power of a computer wherever she goes. During a flight to Chicago, she decided to review physician profiles before making sales calls.

are not designed for frequent movement and therefore are not considered portable.

The power of a PC is not necessarily related directly to its size. A few laptop PCs can run circles around some of the desktop PCs. Some

This project manager spends at least three days a week away from the office. When he travels, his transportable PC is part of his luggage. He uses the PC in conjunction with project management software. To prepare the computer for movement, he fastens the keyboard in position to cover the monitor and attaches a handle to the top of the micro.



ATTACHMENT #4

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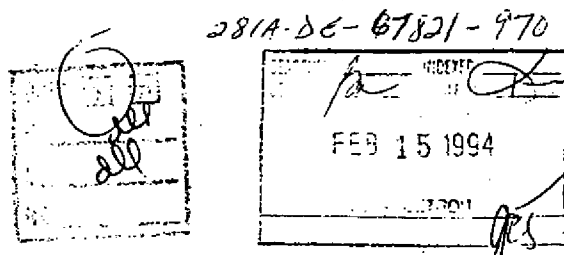


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On February 11, 1994, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the polygraph results of the polygraph administered on February 27, 1986, to [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED]. The examination covered the role of [REDACTED] in JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA's disappearance. [REDACTED] claimed to have been present at a meeting two weeks prior to HOFFA's disappearance when the kidnapping was planned. The polygraph operator concluded [REDACTED] was being deceptive about this meeting. By the end of the examination, [REDACTED] admitted he had made up the facts and said he was not involved in the HOFFA kidnapping.



## Memorandum



To : SAC DETROIT (270D-DE-69572)

Date 2/11/94

From : SA [REDACTED] b7C

Subject: [REDACTED] b2/b7D

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Cooperating witness (CW), [REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. He/she then provided the following information:

[REDACTED] claimed to have been present when JIMMY HOFFA (JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA) was kidnapped. [REDACTED] provided the following information to CW:

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Investigation on 1/31/94

at [REDACTED]

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by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ARS/rmv

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Enclosed for the Bureau is a newspaper clipping from the Detroit Free Press regarding the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to continue the sealed status of files concerning the disappearance and presumed murder of former TEAMSTERS UNION president JAMES R. HOFFA.

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# Highest court keeps the Hoffa case files secret

BY JOE SWICKARD  
Free Press Staff Writer

The FBI files on the Jimmy Hoffa mystery will remain closed to public inspections, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

In a decision issued without comment, the high court refused a Free Press argument that the files should be opened because there is no realistic prospect that anyone will ever be tried for the 1975 disappearance and presumed murder of the former Teamsters Union president. The files, thousands of pages — were sought under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

## U.S. lawyers say investigation continues

Justice Department lawyers said releasing the documents would "interfere with the ongoing investigation by providing a detailed road map of the government's past and future investigative efforts."

If the files were unsealed, those responsible for Hoffa's disappearance then could plant false leads, intimidate witnesses and fabricate alibis, government lawyers argued.

Free Press Executive Editor Heath J Meriwether said the court decision "means that people will nev-

er find out what happened."

Free Press lawyer Herschel Fink said the government position needs "a reality check.... Maintaining the fiction of bringing the kidnappers to justice after almost two decades is preposterous," Fink said.

Hoffa disappeared after going to a meeting at the Machus Red Fox restaurant in Bloomfield Township. Hoffa, who was mounting a campaign to regain the union presidency, told family members and associates that he was going to meet alleged under-

world figures at the restaurant.

Hoffa was last seen in the restaurant parking lot where his car was found the next morning. No trace of Hoffa has been found.

It is widely believed that Hoffa was killed soon after being picked up at the restaurant and that his body was disposed of in a mob-related refuse facility.

The late New Jersey union leader and alleged gangster Anthony (Tony Pro) Provenzano is thought to have been behind the crime.

Despite intense investigations and grand jury proceedings, no one was ever charged.

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## Hoffa's daughter loses FBI case

Jimmy Hoffa's daughter has lost a key round at the Supreme Court in her effort to obtain FBI files about the 1975 disappearance of the former Teamsters union president.

The court, without comment, turned down Barbara Ann Crancer's appeal aimed at getting a document-by-document explanation of why the FBI refuses to release nearly 14,000 pages of Hoffa files.

Previously, the justices refused to order the FBI to release its Hoffa files to the *Detroit Free Press*.

Hoffa disappeared July 30, 1975, from a restaurant in Oakland County. His body was never found.

The FBI conducted a nationwide investigation into Hoffa's disappearance and accumulated volumes of files in the case. "Although no suspects have been charged, the investigation has never been closed and the FBI continues to pursue the investigation actively," government lawyers told the justices.

Crancer, a St. Louis resident, filed a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain some of those files in 1987. After exhausting administrative attempts, Crancer sued.

U.S. District Judge Stephen Limbaugh in St. Louis ordered the Justice Department to provide Crancer with an index of the withheld material so she could oppose their contention that the information does not have to be released.

Justice Department officials invoked Freedom of Information Act language that exempts data that, if released, might interfere with law enforcement proceedings.

Limbaugh ordered the government to produce an "itemized, indexed inventory of every agency record or portion thereof responsive to [Crancer's] FOIA request," along with a "detailed justification statement covering each refusal to release."

A three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that order, but the full appeals court reversed it by a 7-3 vote last August.

The appeals court said Limbaugh exceeded his authority by ordering more than a generic, category-by-category index.

Crancer's lawyers argued that the appeals court ruling "improperly creates a blanket exception for investigative records."

— *Crancer vs. Department of Justice*, 93-700.

— *Associated Press*

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## Supreme Court Notebook

### FBI's Hoffa files stay secret

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Tuesday refused to order the FBI to release its files on the 1975 disappearance of former Teamsters union President Jimmy Hoffa.

The court, without comment, turned down a Detroit newspaper editor's argument that the government cannot withhold the documents because it is unlikely anyone will be prosecuted in the case.

Hoffa disappeared July 30, 1975, from a restaurant in a Detroit suburb. His body was never found.

The FBI conducted a nationwide investigation into Hoffa's disappearance and accumulated about 400 volumes of files in the case. Brian Dickerson of the Detroit Free Press filed a request to see the documents in 1989 under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

The FBI denied the request, saying its investigation was continuing and that the Freedom of Information law exempts from disclosure any material that might interfere with enforcement proceedings.

Dickerson sued in federal court. After reviewing some documents in private, a federal judge refused in July 1991 to order the FBI to release its files.

The judge said disclosure could harm the investigation, and the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that ruling.

In the appeal to the high court, Dickerson's lawyers said the government did not adequately show its investigation could lead to a prosecution. Two FBI officials have been quoted as saying it is unlikely anyone ever will be prosecuted for Hoffa's disappearance, the Dickerson's lawyers said.

The appeals court granted ~~too broad an exemption from~~ disclosure, the appeal said, adding that other federal courts have required the government to release portions of files when their disclosure would not harm an investigation.

Justice Department lawyers said releasing the documents would "interfere with the ongoing investigation by providing a detailed road map of the government's past and future investigative efforts."

Those responsible for Hoffa's disappearance then could plant false leads, intimidate witnesses and fabricate alibis, government lawyers argued.

— *Dickerson vs. Department of Justice*, 93-678.

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HEADLINE: TEAMSTER'S ARREST REVIVES HOFFA MYSTERY

BYLINE: By John O'Brien, Tribune Staff Writer.

BODY:

What began as a Chicago police investigation of a suspected fencing racket fueled by truckloads of stolen goods, swerved unexpectedly into the fast lane Tuesday and smack into a 19-year-old mystery of whatever happened to former Teamsters Union boss James R. Hoffa.

Even veteran detectives accustomed to the braggadocio of criminal suspects were taken aback and left to ponder whether an Illinois link figured in Hoffa's disappearance and presumed murder in 1975.  
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Chicago Tribune, March 23, 1994

Truth or fiction, the story as disclosed by police at a news conference, is that Hoffa's last hours somehow involved Robert Jacobs, a former Teamster organizer of gasoline dealers who, more recently, has served as executive director of the Illinois Gasoline Dealers ...

Jacobs, 67, of <sup>ILL</sup>Riverside, was arrested Monday on felony theft charges in connection with the police case. That case had involved a ....

... purchase \$20,000 worth of stolen cigarettes from undercover police, authorities said.

Before being taken into custody, however, police said Jacobs boasted in talks with detectives of possessing knowledge of Hoffa's kidnapping and murder, according to Lt. Ralph Chiczewski of the police organized crime unit.

"I really think he (Jacobs) is an interesting man to listen to," said Chiczewski, who added that police are cooperating with federal authorities about the claims. "Basically, he was an admirer of Hoffa."

Indeed, Jacobs -as if to vouch for his insider status, police said-produced a bracelet for detectives bearing the inscription: "To Bob Jacobs Intl Organizer of the Year 1963 (signed) James R. Hoffa."

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Jacobs' taped conversations with detectives who posed as criminals with stolen goods to sell reportedly detail his claims that Hoffa was kidnapped outside a suburban Detroit restaurant by members of organized crime in July 1975. No trace of him has ever been found.

At the time he vanished, Hoffa was a newly released federal parolee. Authorities have speculated he was killed to prevent him from mounting an attempt to regain power in the Teamsters.

Chiczewski said that in view of federal interest in Jacobs' alleged claims he wouldn't comment further.

A source familiar with police recordings in the case said information mentioned by Jacobs "tends to coincide with some theories" behind a variety of motives for Hoffa's disappearance.

Jacobs' role as a Teamster is established. So was his involvement in a federal criminal case, dropped in 1978, because his health had deteriorated and because he was the sole provider for a son who had been shot in a robbery and was paralyzed.

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Chicago Tribune, March 23, 1994

In that case, Jacobs was accused of lying to a federal grand jury when he said he didn't employ strong-arm tactics to organize gas station employees for the Teamsters in 1967.

The connection to Hoffa's disappearance, real or otherwise, didn't stop with Jacobs' tale to police, Chiczewski said.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO; PHOTO: A man arrested Monday says he has information on the 197 disappearance James R. Hoffa.

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A CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE PUBLISHED ON MARCH  
23, 1994, STATED THAT ON MARCH 21, 1994, ROBERT JACOBS,  
RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS, SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS OF AGE, WAS ARRESTED BY  
CHICAGO POLICE AS A RESULT OF A CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA'S KIDNAPPING AND MURDER.

JACOBS HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE TEAMSTERS IN THE PAST.

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REFERENCE DETROIT TELETYPE TO CHICAGO DATED 3/24/94.

REFERENCE COMMUNICATION REPORTED ARREST OF ONE ROBERT JACOBS ON 3/21/94 BY THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT (CPD) AS A RESULT OF AN UNDERCOVER OPERATION.

JACOBS WAS, IN FACT, ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH THEFT OF VARIOUS AND SUNDRY STOLEN GOODS WITH RESPECT TO JACOBS' ALLEGED FENCING ACTIVITIES.

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY PATRICK QUINN, COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND SPECIAL AGENT

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[REDACTED] FBI, CHICAGO, SAT IN ON AN INTERVIEW OF JACOBS, BASED ON HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE.

JACOBS ADMITTED THAT, IN FACT, THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED TO THE CPD UNDERCOVER OFFICER REGARDING HOFFA'S DISAPPEARANCE WAS SOLELY OPINION AND HE DID NOT POSSESS ANY FIRST HAND OR EVEN SECOND HAND INFORMATION.

DURING THE INTERVIEW, [REDACTED]  
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IT WAS THE OPINION OF BOTH SA [REDACTED] AND ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY QUINN THAT THE INFORMATION JACOBS PROVIDED RE THE HOFFA DISAPPEARANCE WAS TOTALLY UNRELIABLE AND FOUNDLESS.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THIS MATTER IS BEING RUC'D BY THE CHICAGO DIVISION.

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GAS DEALERS' LEADER COULD FACE U.S. GUN, TAX CHARGES

BYLINE: By John O'Brien, Tribune Staff Writer.

BODY:

As if his claims about the death of former Teamsters President James R. Hoffa weren't enough to draw police attention, Chicago labor figure Robert Jacobs found himself under investigation Thursday for possible violations of federal firearm and tax laws.

Disclosures that Jacobs may have funneled stolen handguns through his horse ranch near Seattle and improperly used Illinois Gasoline Dealers Association Press Alt-H for Help or Alt-Q to Quit.

Chicago Tribune, March 25, 1994

funds to pay for the weapons came as he appeared in Cook County Criminal Court, haggard and supported by his lawyer.

"He is not a well guy," attorney John Armellino said of Jacobs, 67, who police say boasted to an undercover officer that he was in on Hoffa's murder and burial under a Michigan highway in 1975.

Jacobs, who suffers from heart disease, responded briefly to reporters' questions. Between gasps for breath, he denied any knowledge of Hoffa's fate or the death of a man known as Popeye in 1977 in Chicago.

According to undercover tapes, Jacobs told of shooting Popeye near North and Western Avenues to avenge a drug-related shooting that left his son in a wheelchair. Popeye later died, but the cause of death is unknown.

Jacobs, who maintains homes in Riverside and at his Shenandoah Ranch north of Seattle, is charged with theft. But more criminal charges appear likely, investigators said, as a federal grand jury prepares to subpoena financial records of Jacobs' 1,600-member gasoline dealers association.

Jacobs was arrested Monday in a police sting, caught on tape, authorities said, talking about Hoffa's demise on at least two occasions. His words were Press Alt-H for Help or Alt-Q to Quit.

Chicago Tribune, March 25, 1994

recorded by detectives who said they posed as thieves to infiltrate a fencing racket, run by Jacobs, authorities claim, out of his variety store in unincorporated Stickney Township.

The federal inquiry shifted to the ranch after sheriff's deputies in Washington, acting on Chicago police information, executed a search warrant Tuesday and seized eight small-caliber handguns that authorities said were stolen. One of the revolver barrels was fitted for a silencer, deputies said. Such devices are illegal, as is the shipment of stolen guns across state lines, authorities said.

Jacobs' suspected use of gasoline dealers association funds in his variety store reportedly came under federal investigation after police said he gave them a \$6,000 check drawn on the association's bank account to pay for stolen cigarettes he ordered from undercover detectives.

Jacobs is free on bond, pending an April 14 court hearing. In the interim, federal authorities say they will review the claims about Hoffa while a county grand jury examines evidence gathered in the undercover case.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO; PHOTO: Robert Jacobs of the Illinois Gasoline Dealers Association brushes aside several reporters Thursday as he arrives for a Press Alt-H for Help or Alt-Q to Quit.

Chicago Tribune, March 25, 1994

hearing in Cook County Criminal Court at Kedzie Avenue and Polk Street. Tribune photo by Carl Wagner.

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